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MICHAEL J. BUDD,

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

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QUESTION PRESENTED

Michael Budd was indicted for violating 18 U.S.C. § 242 by depriving an inmate of his Fourteenth Amendment right against excessive force amounting to punishment. The government switched theories at trial, and tried the case, jury instructions and all, based on an Eighth Amendment deprivation. This presents the following question:

> Did the court below err in holding that the jury instructions which altered the text of the indictment is not an amendment in violation of the defendants Fifth Amendment's jury indictment guarantee?

PARTIES TO THE PROCEEDING

The petitioner in this case is Michael Budd.

The respondent is the United States of America.

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Michael Budd respectfully petitions this Court for a writ of certiorari to review the judgment of the United States Court of Appeal for the Sixth Circuit in this case.

OPINIONS BELOW

The Court of Appeals' decision denying rehearing (App. 49a) is unreported. Its decision on the merits (App. 1a-13a) is reported at 496 F.3d 517.

JURISDICTION

The petition for rehearing *en banc* was denied on January 23, 2008. Jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1).

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Mike Budd, a major in the county sheriff's department, was charged with a four count indictment. Count 3 of the indictment charged Mike Budd with violating 18 U.S.C. § 242 by depriving inmate Brandon Moore of his Fourteenth Amendment rights against excessive force amounting to punishment.

Mike Budd plead not guilty to the charges. Mike Budd moved to dismiss Count 3 because Inmate Moore had already been arrested, convicted, and sentenced, and the proper protection for a convicted inmate is the Eighth Amendment protection against cruel and unusual punishment.

The trial court denied the motion to dismiss and instead instructed the jury to convict if it found that Mike Budd violated § 242 by depriving inmate Moore of his Eighth Amendment rights. In effect, the government secured an indictment premised on a Fourteenth Amendment deprivation, and it then switched theories and tried the case -- jury instructions and all -- based on an Eighth Amendment deprivation.

During the first trial the jury reached a partial verdict on Count 1. At retrial Mike Budd was found guilty of Counts 2, 3 and 4. However, the jury instructions did not mirror the indictment. Michael Budd was convict of depriving inmate Moore's Eighth Amendment rights, for using "malicious and sadistic" or "unnecessary and wanton" excessive force on inmate Moore. Mike Budd was sentenced to ninety seven months incarceration.

Mike Budd appealed the conviction and argued that the District Court engaged in a judicial amended of the indictment when it changed the protections in Count 3 from the Fourteenth to the Eighth in violation of Mike Budd's Fifth Amendment grand jury indictment guarantee. The Court of Appeals upheld the conviction but noted that "our precedent in this area may not be easy to follow." *U.S. v. Budd,* 496 F.3d at 520, fn 2. Judge Cook's dissented and noted that this "topic has troubled this court for years" and "the majority favors this court's inscrutable doctrine over clearer commands from the Supreme Court." *U.S. v. Budd,* 496 F.3d at 533 (Cook J. dissenting).

Judge Cook explained that "when the jury instructions do not mirror the indictment--as was true

in Budd's case--the defendant's claim is properly categorized under the "constructive amendment" rubric. Although Budd's indictment charged him with violating 18 U.S.C. § 242 by depriving inmate Moore of his Fourteenth Amendment rights, the court instructed the jury to convict if it found that Budd violated 18 U.S.C. § 242 by depriving Moore of his Eighth Amendment rights. In other words, after the government secured an indictment premised on a Fourteenth Amendment deprivation, it switched theories and tried the case--jury instructions and all--based on an Eighth Amendment deprivation. . . .I would **reverse** Budd's conviction **on this count** and remand for resentencing. *U.S. v. Budd,* 496 F.3d at 535 (Cook J. dissenting) (footnote omitted).

On January 23, 2008, the court denied the petition for rehearing *en banc*. Judge Cook would grant rehearing for the reasons stated in her dissent. App. 49a.

REASON FOR GRANTING THE WRIT

CERTIORARI SHOULD BE GRANTED TO SECURE AND MAINTAIN UNIFORMITY OF THIS COURT'S DECISIONS.

The majority decision in *U.S. v. Budd* conflicts with the decision of the United States Supreme Court on constructive amendments and consideration by this court is necessary to secure and maintain uniformity of this court's decisions.

The Supreme Court precedents have identified three theories to complain of inconsistencies between

the indictment and either the jury instructions, the proof at trial, or both: (1) actual amendment, (2) constructive amendment, or (3) variance.

The first theory, actual amendment, traces to *Ex parte Bain*, 121 U.S. 1 (1887), *overruled on other grounds by United States v. Cotton*, 535 U.S. 625, 629-31 (2002). The grand jury indicted Bain and other bank officials for making false statements "with intent to deceive the comptroller of the currency and the agent appointed to examine the [bank's] affairs." *Id.* at 4. Thirteen months later, the prosecution moved the trial court to strike the words "the comptroller of the currency and" from the indictment. *Id.* at 5. The trial court granted the motion and struck the language, and Bain was convicted. The Supreme Court granted Bain's habeas corpus petition, concluding that this rewriting of the indictment ran afoul of the Fifth Amendment's command that "[n]o person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury." *Id.* at 6, 13-14. Specifically, the conviction could not stand because the grand jury had never considered the government's new theory that Bain had made false statements intending to deceive the agent, but not the comptroller. *See id.* at 13 ("[A]fter the indictment was changed it was no longer the indictment of the grand jury who presented it."). The Court reasoned that the grand-jury component of the Fifth Amendment checks overzealous prosecution and ensures that a citizen is not exposed to the risks and expense of a trial unless a grand jury composed of his peers determines that he should.

The second theory, constructive amendment, is a legal fiction developed after *Bain*--a prosecutor could no longer *physically* rewrite the indictment, but he could still *effectively* rewrite the indictment by leaving its language untouched, but proposing jury instructions that embody a new theory of crime. This presents the same evil as an actual amendment: no grand jury passed on the essential description of the crime that ultimately formed the basis for conviction, a circumstance that contravenes the Fifth Amendment. Thus, courts developed the legal fiction of a "constructive amendment" to prevent this mischief.

In *Stirone v. United States*, 361 U.S. 212 (1960), the seminal Supreme Court case on constructive amendments, the grand jury indicted the defendant under the Hobbs Act for interfering with interstate commerce in sand, but the trial court permitted the government to argue that the defendant interfered with interstate commerce in steel, too, and the defendant was convicted. *Id.* at 213-14. The Supreme Court reversed the defendant's conviction, noting that "[a]lthough the trial court did not permit a formal amendment of the indictment, the effect of what it did was the same." *Id.* at 217. *Stirone* reveals two distinguishing features of a constructive amendment. First, a constructive amendment involves not just a "variation between pleading and proof," *id.*, but also an irregularity in the jury instructions, *see id.* at 219 ("[W]e cannot know whether the grand jury would have included in its indictment a charge that commerce in steel from a nonexistent steel mill had been interfered with. Yet because of the court's admission of evidence *and under its charge* this might have been the basis upon which the trial jury convicted petitioner."

(emphasis added)). Second, a constructive amendment is not amenable to harmless-error analysis. *Id.* at 217 ("Deprivation of such a basic right is far too serious to be treated as nothing more than a variance and then dismissed as harmless error.").

The third theory, alluded to in *Stirone*, is the variance. *Stirone* makes clear that a variance results when there is a "variation between pleading and proof," *see id.*, but the jury instructions properly mirror the language of the indictment, *see id.* at 215, 217-18.

In *Berger v. United States*, 295 U.S. 78 (1935), the irregularity came when the prosecution introduced proof of a second conspiracy in addition to the one charged. *Id.* at 79-81. The Court questioned whether the variance "affect[ed] the substantial rights" of the defendant, *id.* at 82, and concluded that it did not, *id.* at 83-84. *Berger* confirms that a variance has nothing to do with the defendant's Fifth Amendment grand jury right: the Court never mentioned the concept. Instead, a variance issue turns on whether the defendant (1) has sufficient notice of the allegations to mount a defense, and (2) will be protected against double jeopardy. *Id.* at 82. These lesser concerns require reversal only if the defendant shows prejudice to a substantial right. *Id.*

These three cases demonstrate that distinguishing a constructive amendment from a variance requires review of the jury instructions. When the jury instructions mirror the indictment and the defendant claims only that the proof at trial diverged from the indictment, he can complain only of a variance and must show prejudice. But when the jury instructions

do not mirror the indictment -- as was true in Mike Budd's case -- the defendant's claim is properly categorized under the "constructive amendment" rubric.

Although Budd's indictment charged him with violating 18 U.S.C. § 242 by depriving inmate Moore of his Fourteenth Amendment rights, the court instructed the jury to convict if it found that Budd violated 18 U.S.C. § 242 by depriving Moore of his Eighth Amendment rights. In other words, after the government secured an indictment premised on a Fourteenth Amendment deprivation, it switched theories and tried the case--jury instructions and all--based on an Eighth Amendment deprivation.

Judge Cook's dissenting opinion properly notes "the majority favors this court's inscrutable doctrine over clearer commands from the Supreme Court." *U.S. v. Budd,* 496 F.3d at 533 (Cook J. dissenting). Judge Cook's dissenting opinion explains the error in the majority decision with the following passages:

> The majority avoids the three Supreme Court cases [*Bain*, *Stirone* and *Berger*] and instead attempts to draw from this court's precedent a principle that "a variance in some cases is not different in kind from a constructive amendment, but merely in degree; if it is serious enough, it *becomes* a constructive amendment." For two reasons, I cannot agree. First, the concepts of "variance" and "constructive amendment" differ in kind, not degree: either the jury instructions mirror the indictment, or they do not. The principle identified by the

majority likely results from loose language in past cases; that is, labeling what is actually just a prejudicial variance a 'constructive amendment.' If the court reverses based only on irregularities of proof, it is because the variance prejudiced the defendant's substantial rights, not because it was a constructive amendment. Second, the practical implications of a framework where a variance can 'rise to the level' of a constructive amendment reveal its flaw. Presumably, under the majority's framework, the defendant must show that a supposed variance "rose to the level" of a constructive amendment by showing that he was actually prejudiced. If the defendant must show actual prejudice to get per se treatment, this would eliminate the need for even the *concept* of prejudice per se--every case would turn on whether the defendant had shown "enough" actual prejudice.

. . . [The majority] finds a mere variance, concluding that violating Moore's Fourteenth Amendment rights is merely an 'alternative method' by which Budd could have violated 18 U.S.C. § 242. I cannot agree. Moore was a convicted inmate whose rights against excessive force sound exclusively in the Eighth Amendment, so the only "method" by which Budd could have violated 18 U.S.C. § 242 would have been by depriving Moore of his Eighth Amendment rights against cruel and unusual punishment. Depriving Moore of Fourteenth Amendment rights against excessive force amounting to punishment--rights that, based on

> his inmate status, Moore does not even have--simply is not a "method" by which Budd could have violated 18 U.S.C. § 242.
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> . . . [T]he majority appears to dismiss any irregularity in this case by reasoning that the 'evidence' or 'proof' presented to the grand jury would have been the same whether the indictment had charged an Eighth or Fourteenth Amendment deprivation. I respectfully suggest that by focusing on Budd's actions and ignoring his mental state, the majority misses the point.

U.S. v. Budd, 496 F.3d at 536-37 (Cook J. dissenting) (footnotes omitted) (emphasis added).

This court's cases regarding constructive amendments demonstrate that distinguishing a constructive amendment from a variance requires review of the jury instructions. When the jury instructions mirror the indictment and the defendant claims only that the proof at trial diverged from the indictment, he can complain only of a variance and must show prejudice. But when the jury instructions do not mirror the indictment the defendant's claim is properly categorized under the "constructive amendment" rubric.

Although Mike Budd's indictment charged him with violating 18 U.S.C. § 242 by depriving inmate Moore of his Fourteenth Amendment rights, the court instructed the jury to convict if it found that Budd violated 18 U.S.C. § 242 by depriving inmate Moore of his Eighth Amendment rights. In other words, after the

government secured an indictment premised on a Fourteenth Amendment deprivation, it switched theories and tried the case--jury instructions and all--based on an Eighth Amendment deprivation. The grand jury did not pass on the charge submitted to the jury -- Mike Budd violated Brandon Moore's Eighth Amendment rights -- and since the jury instructions did not mirror the indictment this was an amendment in contravention of Supreme Court precedent.

The "grand jury never decided that Mike Budd should stand trial for using 'malicious and sadistic' or 'unnecessary and wanton' excessive force on inmate Moore. *See Bain*, 121 U.S. at 10-13 (discussing the protection afforded by the grand jury).

Judge Cook noted in her dissenting opinion that "although widespread experience suggests that the grand jury was unlikely to tarry over *mens rea* subtleties, the Supreme Court has explicitly forbidden us from speculating on subjects such as whether the grand jury would have indicted Budd for an Eighth Amendment deprivation just as it actually indicted him for a Fourteenth Amendment deprivation." *U.S. v. Budd*, 496 F.3d at 537 (Cook J. dissenting).

As this Court said in *United States v. Russell* 369 U.S. 749, 770 (1962) (citing *Bain*, 121 U.S. 1, and *Stirone*, 361 U.S. 212), "To allow . . . the court[] to make a subsequent guess as to what was in the minds of the grand jury at the time they returned the indictment would deprive the defendant of a basic protection which the guaranty of the intervention of a grand jury was designed to secure. . . . This underlying principle is reflected by the settled rule in the federal

courts that an indictment may not be amended except by resubmission to the grand jury, unless the change is merely a matter of form."

The indictment charged a violation of the Fourteenth, the jury instructions changed a violation under the Eighth Amendment. This forced the "defendant to be tried on charges that are not made in the indictment against him." *Stirone*, 361 U.S. at 217.

Even the majority's decision in *U.S. v. Budd* notes that "our precedent in this area may not be easy to follow." *U.S. v. Budd,* 496 F.3d at 520, fn 2. This "topic has troubled this court for years." *U.S. v. Budd,* 496 F.3d at 533 (Cook J. dissenting). The "majority favors this court's inscrutable doctrine over clearer commands from the Supreme Court." *Id.* See also, *United States v. Chilingirian*, 280 F.3d 704, 712 (6th Cir. 2002) ("[T]he distinction between a variance and a constructive amendment is sketchy."); *United States v. Hathaway*, 798 F.2d 902, 910 (6th Cir. 1986) ("[T]he distinction between a variance and a constructive amendment is at best 'shadowy . . . .'").

The jury instructions literally altered the indictment and this constituted a violation of Michael Budd's Fifth Amendment grand jury indictment guarantee. This court should take this opportunity to clarify this court's precedent and the Supreme Court decisions regarding amendments. The right to know what charges are brought upon our nations corrections officer for violation of federal rights involves a question of exceptional importance. Consideration by this court is necessary to secure and maintain uniformity with this courts precedent.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the petition for a writ of certiorari should be granted.

Respectfully submitted.

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APPENDIX A

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

No. 05-4098

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, *Plaintiff-Appellee,*	)
v.	)
MICHAEL J. BUDD, *Defendant-Appellant.*	)

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio at Youngstown. No. 04-00508 - Lesley Brooks Wells, District Judge.

Before: COOK and McKEAGUE, Circuit Judges; EDGAR, District Judge.*

* The Honorable R. Allan Edgar, Senior United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, sitting by designation.

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McKEAGUE, J., delivered the opinion of the court, in which EDGAR, D. J., joined. COOK, J. (pp. 14-17), delivered a separate dissenting opinion.

OPINION

McKEAGUE, Circuit Judge. Michael J. Budd appeals his conviction of one count of conspiracy and three counts of depriving another of constitutional rights under color of law. For the reasons set forth below, we affirm.

I. BACKGROUND

A grand jury indicted Budd, once second-in-command of the Mahoning County, Ohio Sherriff's Department, on four counts related to his alleged use of excessive force against inmates and pretrial detainees in his custody. Count 1 charged conspiracy to commit any offense against the United States in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371, and listed two object offenses: (1) depriving Tawhon Easterly of his constitutional rights under color of law in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 242; and (2) witness tampering, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(2). Counts 2, 3, and 4

respectively charged Budd with depriving Easterly (a pretrial detainee), Brandon Moore (a sentenced inmate), and Stephen Blazo (a pretrial detainee) of their constitutional rights under color of law, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 242. In Budd's first trial, the jury convicted him on Count 1 but deadlocked on the other counts. The court entered the conviction on Count 1 and declared a mistrial on the other counts. Upon retrial of Counts 2, 3, and 4.[1] Budd was convicted on each. He now appeals..

II. CONSTRUCTIVE AMENDMENT TO MOORE CHARGE

Budd was convicted of using excessive force against inmate Brandon Moore in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 242. Budd argues that because the indictment referred to a Fourteenth Amendment basis for the right to be free from excessive force, while the jury instructions referred to an Eighth Amendment basis for the right, the indictment was constructively amended. We review the question of whether an amendment or a variance occurred *de novo*. *United States v. Prince*, 214 F.3d 740, 756 (6th Cir. 2000) (citing *United States v. Flowal*, 163 F.3d 956, 962 (6th Cir. 1998)).

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[1] In the second trial, the court redacted the conspiracy count (the former Count 1 for which Budd was already convicted), and renumbered the substantive counts as Counts 1, 2, and 3. To avoid confusion, the parties' briefs number the substantive counts as in the first trial—that is, as Counts 2, 3, and 4—and we will do the same.

An indictment may be the subject of an actual amendment, a constructive amendment, or a variance. An actual amendment occurs when the prosecutor actually changes the text of the indictment. *Id.* at 757 (citing *Martin v. Kassulke*, 970 F.2d 1539, 1542 (6th Cir. 1992)). By contrast,

> [a] constructive amendment results when the terms of an indictment are in effect altered by the presentation of evidence and jury instructions which so modify essential elements of the offense charged that there is a substantial likelihood that the defendant may have been convicted of an offense other than the one charged in the indictment.

United States v. Smith, 320 F.3d 647, 656 (6th Cir. 2003) (citing *United States v. Stirone*, 361 U.S. 212 (1960)). Both actual and constructive amendments are considered *per se* prejudicial and are reversible error. *Prince*, 214 F.3d at 757.

Variances, by contrast, are not *per se* prejudicial. *Id.* Generally speaking, a variance "occurs when the charging terms [of the indictment] are unchanged, but the evidence at trial proves facts materially different from those alleged in the indictment." *Id.* at 756-57 (alteration in original) (internal quotations omitted) (quoting *United States v. Flowal*, 163 F.3d 956, 962 (6th Cir. 1998)). However, as this court observed in *United States v. Chilingirian*, 280 F.3d 704, 712 (6th Cir. 2002)(vacated and remanded by the Supreme Court for reconsideration in light of *Booker*), "the

distinction between a variance and a constructive amendment is sketchy ...."[2]

One complication is created by the fact that, under Sixth Circuit law, "[i]f a variance infringes too strongly upon the defendant's Sixth Amendment right to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, the variance is considered a 'constructive amendment.'" *Prince*, 214 F.3d at 757 (citing *Martin*, 970 F.2d at 1542). Thus, a variance in some cases is not different in kind from a constructive amendment, but merely in degree; if it is serious enough, it *becomes* a constructive amendment.[3] "To obtain reversal of a conviction because a variance between the indictment and the evidence produced at trial, a defendant must satisfy a two-prong test: (1) the variance must be demonstrated

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[2] The dissent complains of the majority's decision to follow this court's "inscrutable" precedent regarding the distinction between a variance and a constructive amendment. However, contrary to the dissent's suggestion, this precedent does not contradict Supreme Court case law on the subject, but only defines the application of Supreme Court precedent in particular situations; and, though our precedent in this area may not be easy to follow, we nevertheless are obliged to do so. *See* 6th Cir. R. 206(c).

[3] The dissent disparages this fact as logically flawed, and a misapprehension on the part of the majority "result[ing] from loose language in past cases." *Infra* at __. However, whether or not it is appealing as a legal rule, this court's published cases have clearly held that a variance can become a constructive amendment by reason of its seriousness . *See, e.g.*, *United States v. Hynes*, 467 F.3d 951, 962 (6th Cir. 2006); *United States v. Suarez*, 263 F.3d 468, 478 (6th Cir. 2001); *Prince*, 214 F.3d at 757; *United States v. Manning*, 142 F.3d 336, 339 (6th Cir. 1998); *United States v. Ford*, 872 F.2d 1231, 1235 (6th Cir. 1989).

and (2) the variance must affect some substantial right of the defendant." *Id.* (citing *United States v. Maliszewski*, 161 F.3d 992, 1014 (6th Cir. 1998)); *see also United States v. Hynes*, 467 F.3d 951, 962 (6th Cir. 2006); *United States v. Suarez*, 263 F.3d 468, 478 (6th Cir. 2001); *Prince*, 214 F.3d at 757; *United States v. Manning*, 142 F.3d 336, 339 (6th Cir. 1998); *United States v. Ford*, 872 F.2d 1231, 1235 (6th Cir. 1989).

In *Hynes*, this court offered one manner of distinguishing between a constructive amendment and a variance that may become a constructive amendment by reason of its effect on substantial rights: "defendants can establish a variance by referring exclusively to the evidence presented at trial, but cannot demonstrate a constructive amendment — which is per se prejudicial — without proof that the important functions of an indictment were undermined by both the evidence presented and the jury instructions." 467 F.3d at 962. This reflects the rule that "[o]nce the indictment presents a factual basis for an element of a crime, the prosecution may not rest its proof of that element of the crime at trial on other facts." *United States v. Caldwell*, 176 F.3d 898, 902 (6th Cir. 1999).

However, a different distinction operates in cases in which the difference between indictment and jury instructions is not the facts of the offense, but the legal theory. The "'key question' in determining whether [such a] case involve[s] a variance or a constructive amendment [i]s whether" the offense described by the indictment and the one described by the jury instructions are "two alternative crimes or merely two alternative methods by which the one crime . . . could

have been committed." *Prince*, 214 F.3d at 758 (quoting *Martin*, 970 F.2d at 1543). The Sixth Circuit first explained this distinction in *Martin v. Kassulke*, 970 F.2d 1539, 1540 (6th Cir. 1992), in which the defendant was convicted of first-degree rape. Under Kentucky law, first-degree rape consists of either "'sexual intercourse with another person by forcible compulsion,'" or "'sexual intercourse with another person who is incapable of consent because he . . . [i]s physically helpless; or [i]s less than twelve years old.'" *Id.* at 1541-42 (quoting Ky. Rev. Stat. § 510.040). The indictment stated that the defendant "committed the offense of RAPE IN THE FIRST DEGREE by knowingly and unlawfully engaging in sexual intercourse with [the victim] by forcible compulsion and further causing said [victim] serious physical injury." *Id.* at 1542. The jury was instructed to find the defendant guilty "if, and only if, you believe from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt" that the defendant engaged in sexual intercourse with the victim and "[t]hat he did so by forcible compulsion, OR [t]hat [the victim] was incapable of consent because she was physically helpless." *Id.*

The *Martin* court first noted that there was a variance between the jury instructions and the indictment, as "[t]he jury instruction . . . mentions the possibility that [the victim] was incapable of consent because of physical helplessness, a possibility that had not been mentioned in the indictment." *Id.* The court rejected the defendant's argument that "the due process right to clear notice of criminal charges guaranteed by the fourteenth amendment includes notice of the exact method by which the criminal

actions were alleged to have been committed," and held that

> the Kentucky rape statute . . . provides only one offense of rape with two different methods of commission. . . . [The statute] was drafted to define all kinds of forcible rape, by whatever mode or method. "It actually makes no difference to the law, the victim, nor even the defendant, how he committed the act, it is the violation that is defined and prohibited."

Id. at 1543, 1545-46 (citation omitted) (quoting *Claybornv. State*, 647 S.W.2d 433, 436 (Ark. 1983) (Hickman, J., dissenting)). The *Martin* court therefore reversed the district court's grant of a writ of habeas corpus. *Id.* at 1547.

This court followed *Martin* in *Suarez*, in which the defendant, a former police officer, was convicted for converting "victim restitution money to his own benefit" in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(1). 263 F.3d at 471-72. That statute provides that "[w]hoever . . . being an agent of an organization [including a government or government agency] . . . embezzles, steals, obtains by fraud, or otherwise without authority knowingly converts . . . property that . . . is owned by, or is under the care, custody, or control of such organization, government, or agency" shall be fined or imprisoned, or both. 18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(1). The statute does not define embezzlement, theft, or fraud; the definitions of these offenses therefore must come from another source of state or federal law. *See Gonzales v. Duenas-Alvarez*, 127 S. Ct. 815, 818, 822 (2007) (holding that "theft offense" in the Immigration

and Nationality Act should be understood to correspond to the "generic definition of [the] crime"); *Taylor v. United States*, 495 U.S. 575, 595 (1990) (in the Travel Act, "Congress made no attempt to define the statutory term 'bribery,' but relied on the accepted contemporary meaning") (quoting *Perrin v. United States*, 444 U.S. 37, 45 (1979)); *Moore v. United States*, 160 U.S. 268, 269 (1895) (supplying common-law definitions of embezzlement and larceny for a federal statute which used the terms but did not define them).

The *Suarez* court recognized that the "defendant appears to have demonstrated the existence of a variance. The indictment makes much of Suarez's deception . . . as constituting the act of conversion, while the jury instructions make nothing of it." 263 F.3d at 478. Thus, the indictment indicated that the defendant obtained the property through larceny by trick; the jury instructions "describ[ed] conversion generally," and thereby "may have opened up the possibility in the jury's mind that the conversion was accomplished by something more akin to embezzlement. It is even arguable that they did find this was what Suarez did, since he was acquitted of money laundering." *Id.* at 479. However, the court held, "under the statute, embezzlement is not a crime alternative to the one charged, but simply another of a number of types of knowing conversion." *Id.* The court held that "Suarez's defense would not, under our case law, have been prejudiced by the variance," and affirmed the conviction. *Id.* at 479, 489.

In other Sixth Circuit cases, this court has held that the offense described in the indictment and that described in the jury instructions are two different

offenses, not two methods of committing one offense, and therefore that a constructive amendment occurred. Budd cites *United States v. Combs*, 369 F.3d 925, 930 (6th Cir. 2004), in which the defendant was indicted for unlawful possession of firearms in conjunction with a drug trafficking offense. The jury instructions were drawn, in somewhat disorganized fashion, from both the definitions of "possession" and of "use" of a firearm. 369 F.3d at 935. Both offenses are prohibited by the same statute, which provides for punishment of "any person who, during and in relation to any crime of violence or drug trafficking crime . . . for which the person may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, uses or carries a firearm, *or* who, in furtherance of any such crime, possesses a firearm." 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A) (emphasis added).

The *Combs* court held that possession and use, though defined in the same subparagraph, were two different offenses. It based this decision on (1) the fact that the statute separates the offenses with an "or"; (2) the fact that the legislative history indicated that the "in furtherance of" language applied to the possession offense but not the use offense; and (3) the fact that use involves different conduct than possession. 369 F.3d at 931, 932-33. The court therefore held that "an impermissible amendment of . . . the indictment occurred." *Id.* at 936.

Budd also cites *United States v. Cusmano*, 659 F.2d 714, 719 (6th Cir. 1981), in which the defendant was indicted for a violation of the Hobbs Act. One element of that offense is extortion. *Id.* at 719. Extortion may be by threat of economic loss or by threat of physical harm. *Id.* at 715. The indictment specified that the

defendant had committed extortion by threatening the victims with economic loss, while the evidence additionally showed extortion through threats of physical violence; the district court instructed the jury that it could return a conviction based on either theory. *Id.* at 715, 717, 719. This court stated that "when one means of extortion is charged, a conviction must rest on that charge and not another, even if it is assumed that under an indictment drawn in general terms a conviction might rest upon a showing of either form of extortion."[4] *Id.* at 719. Thus, the court held that the introduction of evidence that the defendant committed extortion through physical violence together with the district court's instruction that the defendant could be convicted on that theory constituted a constructive amendment. *Id.* at 718-19.

> In this case, the indictment reads in relevant part,
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> [D]efendant herein and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while acting under color of the laws of the State of Ohio, and while aiding and abetting each other, did use and cause to be used excessive force on Brandon Moore, a detainee at the Courthouse of a judicial proceeding, resulting in bodily injury,

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[4] This holding is clearly in tension with the holding in *Martin*. *Cf.* 970 F.2d at 1545-46 ("[T]he Kentucky rape statute . . . provides only one offense of rape with two different methods of commission. . . . 'It actually makes no difference to the law, the victim, nor even the defendant, how he committed the act, it is the violation that is defined and prohibited.'") (citations omitted).

> thereby willfully depriving him of rights and privileges secured and protected by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, to wit: the right to Due Process of law under the Constitution, which includes the right to be free from excessive force amounting to punishment by one acting under color of law.
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> All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 242 and 2.

Indictment at 7. The relevant jury instruction provides, "The first element the government must prove is that the conduct of [the defendant] deprived . . . Brandon Moore . . . of a right or rights secured by the Constitution or laws of the United States. . . . Among those rights [is] . . . the Eighth Amendment right to be free from cruel and unusual punishment." Transcript at 969-70. The instructions also explained that "[t]he Eighth Amendment provides [that] inmates like Brandon Moore, who have been sentenced for a crime, possess the right not to be subject to unnecessary and wanton infliction of pain." Transcript at 972; *see also Whitley v. Albers*, 475 U.S. 312, 320 (1986) (holding that "an Eighth Amendment claimant [must] allege the unnecessary and wanton infliction of pain," or allege that "'force was applied . . . maliciously and sadistically for the very purpose of causing harm'") (quoting *Johnson v. Glick*, 481 F.2d 1028, 1033 (2d Cir. 1973)).

Brandon Moore was a convicted prisoner at the time of the mistreatment for which Budd was convicted. Thus, as the jury instructions correctly explained, his right to be free from excessive force

derives from the Eighth Amendment. *Phelps v. Coy*, 286 F.3d 295, 299 (6th Cir. 2002) (quoting *Graham v. Connor*, 490 U.S. 386, 395 n.10 (1989)). The standard the indictment accuses Budd of violating, "the right to Due Process of law . . . , which includes the right to be free from excessive force amounting to punishment," is the standard applicable to a pretrial detainee, which Moore was not. *Id.* at 300 ("[T]he Fourteenth Amendment . . . 'Due Process Clause protects a pretrial detainee from the use of excessive force that amounts to punishment.'") (quoting *Graham*, 490 U.S. at 395 n.10).

The indictment and the jury instructions describe the same actions, and they specify an offense against the same statute, 18 U.S.C. § 242, which prohibits a person acting "under color of law" from "subject[ing] any person . . . to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws ofthe United States." However, by their respective citation of Fourteenth Amendment and Eighth Amendment restrictions of the use of excessive force, they refer to different standards under which a violation of § 242 can be evaluated. Therefore, the "'key question' . . . [is] whether the jury instruction and evidence introduced another crime or an 'alternative method[] by which the one crime . . . could have been committed.'" *Suarez*, 263 F.3d at 478 (second alteration in original) (quoting *Prince*, 214 F.3d at 758).

In this case, although it is a close question, based on our prior cases, it seems most reasonable to conclude that the Fourteenth Amendment and Eighth Amendment excessive force standards describe two alternative methods by which one crime could be

committed, rather than two crimes. The variance between the indictment and the jury instructions here is most analogous to that in *Suarez*, in which the offense of conviction, conversion of the funds of an organization receiving federal benefits in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(1), incorporated as an element the content of other laws—namely, state or federal laws against conversion of funds, under a variety of legal theories. In *Suarez*, the fact that the indictment indicated that the conversion had been effected by larceny by trick, while the jury instructions permitted conviction if conversion had been accomplished by embezzlement, entailed only a variance. This is so although the two theories involved different times at which the defendant had formed the intention to convert the funds to his use,[5] because these were simply two methods of committing the one crime of conversion of funds. Likewise, in this case, the indictment and the jury instructions address methods of violating the statute in question that rest on different legal rules: in this case, different constitutional rights, and in *Suarez*, different common-law conversion offenses.

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[5] "Larceny by trick" is committed when a thief acquires possession of an item by telling its rightful owner that "he intended to use it for one purpose when in fact he intended" to keep it or "to sell it and keep the proceeds." *Bell v. United States*, 462 U.S. 356, 359 (1983). By contrast, embezzlement occurs when the thief first comes into possession of the property legitimately, and "the fraudulent intent occurs later and the defendant [then] converts the property." *Skinner v. Oklahoma*, 316 U.S. 535, 539 (1942). "Whether a particular act is larceny by [trick] or embezzlement thus turns . . . on when the felonious intent arose . . . ." *Id.*

The situation here is also distinguishable from that in the cases Budd cites,[6] in which this court held there

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[6] Other Sixth Circuit cases finding a constructive amendment based on the existence of two offenses are also distinguishable. In *United States v. Stubbs*, 279 F.3d 402 (6th Cir. 2002), the defendant pled guilty to a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(*o*), which prohibits conspiracy to possess a firearm in connection with a drug trafficking offense or a crime of violence. However, at sentencing, the district court selected an appropriate sentence based on the conclusion that the defendant had actually violated § 924(c). That subsection criminalizes the possession of a firearm in conjunction with a crime of violence or a drug trafficking crime, and provides for a minimum sentence, rather than a maximum. *Id.* § 924(c)(1)(A). The *Stubbs* court held, "There can be no doubt that § 924(c) and § 924(*o*) charge different offenses. Each statute requires different levels of proof as to conduct and *mens rea*. And, most notably, these two statutory provisions call for significantly different statutory penalties, which under *Jones* [*v. United States*, 526 U.S. 227 (1999),] makes them different offenses." 279 F.3d at 409. In this case, there is no question of different statutory penalties for excessive force under the Eighth Amendment and the Fourteenth Amendment.

In *Watson v. Jago*, 558 F.2d 330 (6th Cir. 1977), the indictment charged the defendant with first-degree murder under a premeditation theory. *Id.* at 331. The jury instructions mirrored the charge in the indictment, but the prosecution offered at trial evidence of first-degree murder under a felony murder theory. *Id.* at 336, 339. Though the two types of first-degree murder were prohibited by the same statute, Ohio case law held that the two were different offenses. *Id.* at 334-35 (citing *Ohio v. Ferguson*, 195 N.E.2d 794 (Ohio 1964)). Therefore, the *Watson* court held that the indictment had been constructively amended. *Id.* at 339. However, in that case, the court did not make a determination that premeditated murder and felony murder were two different offenses; rather, it simply followed a state court ruling to that effect. The holding therefore is not helpful here.

existed two different offenses, rather than two different methods. Neither *Cusmano* nor *Combs* addressed a situation wherein the definition of a statutory offense is dependent on the content of other law. In fact, in *Combs*, the court based its decision in part on the fact that the two offenses were explicitly set forth in the statute, and separated by the word "or." 369 F.3d at 931. In both *Cusmano* and *Combs*, this court focused on the fact that the proof at trial showed different offense conduct than that alleged in the indictment. *See* 369 F.3d at 932-33; 659 F.2d at 719. In this case, the government did not present evidence of different offense conduct than that alleged in the indictment. Though the proceedings before the grand jury are not part of the record on appeal, before the petit jury, the government offered the testimony of Brandon Moore and of Deputies Sam Oliver and Jeffrey Tinkey to prove the charge of use of excessive force against Moore. *See* Transcript at 66-75, 100-09, 115-24. This testimony consisted simply of a description of Budd's and Moore's words and actions during the incident; the prosecutor carefully prevented the witnesses from speculating as to Budd's motives or intent. *See* Transcript at 117 ("No, not what his reasons were. What about your observations . . . ."). It is difficult to see how the government's evidence regarding this charge was in any way different from what it would have been had Moore been a pretrial detainee entitled to the protection of the Fourteenth Amendment.

Thus, the Fourteenth Amendment language in the indictment and the Eighth Amendment language in the jury instructions describe two different methods of committing the same crime, and the difference is

merely a variance. Budd does not even argue that the variance affected his "substantial rights," other than the right to be convicted only of an offense which previously had been considered by a grand jury, a right which is not implicated by a variance. Rather, in the case of a variance, prejudice to substantial rights occurs if the defendant is not "enabled to present his defense and not be taken by surprise by the evidence offered at trial," or is not "protected against another prosecution for the same offense." *Bergerv. United States*, 295 U.S. 78, 82 (1935); *see also Martin*, 970 F.2d at 1546-47; *Ford*, 872 F.2d at 1235. The actions for which Budd was convicted were the same under both theories, and, as discussed above, the prosecution presented no proof it would not have presented for a Fourteenth Amendment violation. Budd's ability to present a defense thus could not reasonably have been undermined by the change; and there is no suggestion that he could be subjected to double jeopardy. Therefore, the variance did not cause prejudice to Budd's substantial rights, and did not rise to the level of a constructive amendment by reason of its severity.

III. CONSTRUCTIVE AMENDMENT TO EASTERLY CHARGE

A. Conspirator Liability Instruction

In the first trial, Count 1 charged Budd with participation in a conspiracy to violate Easterly's constitutional rights, and Count 2 charged Budd with the substantive offense of violating Easterly's constitutional rights. The jury convicted on the Count 1 conspiracy, but deadlocked on Count 2 (as well as on the substantive offenses in Counts 3 and 4). At retrial

on the substantive offenses, the court instructed the jury on co-conspirator liability under *Pinkerton v. United States*, 328 U.S. 640, 646-48 (1946), which holds that a defendant is liable for a co-conspirator's crimes if they are foreseeably committed in furtherance of the conspiracy. Budd argues that this instruction amounted to a constructive amendment, on the theory that by instructing the jury on a conspiracy *theory of liability* under *Pinkerton*, the district court constructively amended the violation of constitutional rights charge to a (duplicative) conspiracy charge. As noted above, we review *de novo* the question of whether a constructive amendment occurred.

The majority of circuits have held that district courts may give a *Pinkerton* co-conspirator liability instruction for a substantive charge, even for a defendant who has not been charged with conspiracy. *See, e.g.*, *United States v. Lopez*, 271 F.3d 472, 480 (3d Cir. 2001); *United States v. Macey*, 8 F.3d 462, 468 (7th Cir. 1993) ("We have long recognized that '[i]t is not essential that the indictment contain a separate count charging conspiracy in order to take advantage of the doctrines peculiar to conspiracy.'") (quoting *United States v. Wilson*, 506 F.2d 1252, 1257 (7th Cir. 1974)); *United States v. Jackson*, 627 F.2d 1198, 1216-17 (D.C. Cir. 1980) ("Experienced prosecutors alert court and counsel that they are relying on [a *Pinkerton* theory] in cases where only substantive crimes are charged by announcing that they are proceeding on a conspiracy theory."); *Davis v. United States*, 12 F.2d 253, 257 (5th Cir. 1926) ("Although conspiracy be not charged, if it be shown by the evidence to exist, the act of one or more defendants in furtherance of the common plan is in law the act of all."). As Budd notes, the Ninth

Circuit recently held the opposite: "It is error to use a *Pinkerton* instruction in a case in which the indictment does not allege a conspiracy." *United States v. Nakai*, 413 F.3d 1019, 1023 (9th Cir. 2005). The Sixth Circuit has not yet addressed this issue. *SeeUnited States v. Min Nan Wang*, 222 F.3d 234, 240 (6th Cir. 2000) ("We need not resolve these thorny questions."). We find the rule of the majority of circuits more persuasive, and hold that a district court may properly provide a *Pinkerton* instruction regarding a substantive offense, even when the defendant is not charged with the offense of conspiracy. Thus, the district court's instructions were proper with regard to the substantive § 242 offense, and the indictment was not constructively amended.

Budd also insists that *United States v. Henning*, 286 F.3d 914 (6th Cir. 2002), requires reversal. In that case, the trial court gave a *Pinkerton* instruction, and the defendant was convicted of both conspiracy and several substantive counts. *Id.* at 918-19. The defendant moved for and was granted a post-verdict judgment of acquittal on the conspiracy count based on insufficient evidence. *Id.* at 919. This court later found plain error in the district court's failure to reconsider the substantive charges as well, because the *Pinkerton* instruction may have produced a conviction on the substantive charges based on a *non-existent* conspiracy. *See id.* at 921. In this case, however, there was sufficient evidence that a conspiracy existed; in fact, Budd was convicted of conspiracy in the first trial. It was not the absence of a conspiracy *charge* that led this court to reverse in *Henning*; it was the absence of a conspiracy.

B. Substitution of "or" for "and"

> Count 1 charged Budd with conspiracy under 18 U.S.C. § 371 as follows:
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> Michael J. Budd . . . did knowingly conspire . . . to: a) deprive Tawhon Easterly of rights and privileges secured and protected by the Constitution . . . in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242, and b) corruptly persuade . . . another person with intent to hinder [a federal criminal investigation], in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1512(b)(3).

Indictment at 3-4. Budd again complains of a constructive amendment. Although this court generally reviews *de novo* the legal issue of whether there was a constructive amendment, if the defendant fails to object at trial to an instruction claimed on appeal to represent a constructive amendment, this court reviews only for plain error. *See, e.g.*, *United States v. Brown*, 332 F.3d 363, 371 (6th Cir. 2003) (citing *Cotton*, 535 U.S. at 631). Budd cannot show any error, let alone plain error, and we reject this challenge.

Budd argues that because the object offenses are separated by the word "and," the trial court impermissibly broadened the possible bases for conviction—and thereby constructively amended the

indictment[7] —when it instructed the jury to convict on Count 1 if it found *either* that Budd conspired to violate Easterly's constitutional rights *or* that Budd conspired to tamper with a witness. This challenge must fail. *United States v. Hathaway*, 798 F.2d 902, 913 (6th Cir. 1986) (finding no constructive amendment where the indictment charged receipt of checks known to be "stolen, converted, *and* taken by fraud," but the court instructed the jury to convict if it found the checks were known to be "stolen, converted, *or* taken by fraud"); *see also United States v. Barrios-Perez*, 317 F.3d 777, 779-80 (8th Cir. 2003) (finding no constructive amendment where the drug-conspiracy indictment was phrased in the conjunctive, but the court instructed the jury in the disjunctive).[8]

IV. JURY INSTRUCTIONS

Counts 2 and 4 charged Budd with violating the constitutional rights of Tawhon Easterly and Steven

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[7] *See, e.g., United States v. Miller*, 471 U.S. 130, 138 (1985) (citing *Stirone*, 361 U.S. at 213, for the proposition that a constructive amendment may result when the trial court "broaden[s] the possible bases for conviction from that which appeared in the indictment").

[8] Budd's brief also disputes the government's position that Count 1 of the indictment involves "not two distinct conspiracies, but only one conspiracy with different means of violating the same." Appellant's Reply Brief at 1. The conspiracy statute, 18 U.S.C. § 371, makes it a crime for two or more persons to agree "to commit any offense against the United States"; therefore, "any offense against the United States" is a "different means" of violating 18 U.S.C. § 371.

Blazo, respectively, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 242. Both Easterly and Blazo were pretrial detainees, so the relevant inquiry is whether Budd's use of excessive force violated their Fourteenth Amendment due process rights. *See Bell v. Wolfish*, 441 U.S. 520, 535 & n.16 (1979). Budd complains that the district court misstated the law by failing to instruct the jury that his conduct would need to "shock the conscience" to violate the Fourteenth Amendment.

We believe Budd waived the objection. Defense counsel initially objected to the court's omission of the words "shocks the conscience" from its Fourteenth Amendment jury instructions, but at a very late stage of the proceedings counsel told the court, "[A]s I see the Fourteenth Amendment [instruction] I'm getting more comfortable with it, but the Eighth Amendment one I believe has this subjective stuff that's missing . . . ." Transcript at 764. Although at the close of trial defense counsel summarily rested on his prior objections, he did not contradict his earlier statement that he was "comfortable" with the Fourteenth Amendment instructions. Budd cannot now complain about the court's explanation of the Fourteenth Amendment standard.

However, even if Budd had preserved the objection, it lacks merit. This court "review[s] a properly preserved objection to a jury instruction by determining 'whether the charge, taken as a whole, fairly and adequately submits the issues and applicable law to the jury.'" *United States v. Blood*, 435 F.3d 612, 623 (6th Cir. 2006) (quoting *United States v. Pensyl*, 387 F.3d 456, 458 (6th Cir. 2004)). This court "may reverse the trial court based on a faulty charge

'only if the instructions, viewed as a whole, were confusing, misleading, or prejudicial.'" *Id.* (quoting *Pensyl*, 387 F.3d at 458).

The substantive component of Fourteenth Amendment due process protects citizens against conduct by law enforcement officers that "shocks the conscience." *County of Sacramento v. Lewis*, 523 U.S. 833, 846 (1998). Budd stops there, arguing that the failure to mention the words "shocks the conscience" renders the instruction deficient and entitles hime to acquittal.[9] But the concept of what "shocks the conscience" varies with context. *See, e.g.*, *id.* at 850-51. Cases such as *Graham*, 490 U.S. at 395 n.10, and its precursor, *Wolfish*, 441 U.S. at 535 & n.16, specifically address substantive due process in the context of pretrial detention. This circuit has relied on *Graham* for the proposition that the Due Process Clause protects a pretrial detainee from "excessive force that amounts to punishment." *See, e.g.*, *Phelps*, 286 F.3d at 300. By adhering to cases such as *Graham* and *Wolfish* in its instructions, the district court fairly and adequately stated the law pertinent to pretrial detainees' substantive-due-process rights. *See Blood*, 435 F.3d at 623.

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[9] With his citation to *Claybrook v. Birchwell*, 199 F.3d 350, 359 (6th Cir. 1999), Budd also implicitly objects to the court's failure to instruct the jury to convict only if he acted "maliciously and sadistically for the very purpose of causing harm," but this formulation applies only in emergency-type situations such as a prison riot or a high-speed police chase. *See, e.g.*, *Lewis*, 523 U.S. at 853-54. None of the incidents at issue under Counts 2 and 4 occurred under such conditions.

V. MOTION FOR JUDGMENT OF ACQUITTAL AS TO BLAZO CHARGE

Budd argues that the district court erred in denying his motion for acquittal on Count 4, which charged him with violating the Fourteenth Amendment rights of pretrial detainee Steven Blazo by using excessive force amounting to punishment in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 242. This court reviews *de novo* the denial of a motion for judgment of acquittal. *United States v. Meyer*, 359 F.3d 820, 826 (6th Cir. 2004). The issue is "'whether, after reviewing the evidence in the light most favorable to the prosecution, *any* rational trier of fact could have found the essential elements of the crime beyond a reasonable doubt.'" *Id.* (quoting *United States v. Humphrey*, 279 F.3d 372, 378 (6th Cir. 2002)); *see also Jackson v. Virginia*, 443 U.S. 307, 319 (1979).

Bell v. Wolfish and its progeny govern whether Budd's behavior represented "excessive force amounting to punishment." Under *Wolfish*, in the absence of "an expressed intent to punish," the question is whether the challenged practice or behavior "is reasonably related to a legitimate government objective." 441 U.S. at 538, 539; *see also Thompson v. County of Medina*, 29 F.3d 238, 242 (6th Cir. 1994). If the action is "arbitrary or purposeless[,] a court permissibly may infer that the purpose of the governmental action is punishment that may not constitutionally be inflicted upon detainees *qua* detainees." *Wolfish*, 441 U.S. at 539. Although retribution and deterrence are not legitimate nonpunitive purposes, *id.* at 539 n.20, the maintenance of security and order at detention facilities is, *id.* at 540, 546-47. "Prison administrators . . . should be

accorded wide-ranging deference in the adoption and execution of policies and practices that in their judgment are needed to preserve internal order and discipline and to maintain institutional security." *Id.* at 547 (citing cases).

Budd's brief identifies no legitimate nonpunitive purposes for his actions; rather, he argues, correctly, that *de minimis* injuries do not support a constitutional violation, even if intentionally inflicted. Although a pretrial detainee's injuries must be more than *de minimis* to support a constitutional violation, they need not be "serious" or "significant," *cf. Hudson v. McMillian*, 503 U.S. 1, 8-10 (1992) (convicted prisoner); *see also United States v. Walsh*, 194 F.3d 37, 47-48 (2d Cir. 1999) (pretrial detainee), as long as there is some degree of actual injury, *Walsh*, 194 F.3d at 50.

In this case, the prosecution introduced testimony that Budd rammed Blazo's head into at least two different doors, slammed his head into a table, and repeatedly shoved him into a wall. Although the prosecution introduced no medical evidence of the extent of Blazo's injuries, Blazo testified that he requested medical attention, albeit unsuccessfully, and that he had bumps on his head and bruising on his body. In *Hudson v. McMillian*, the Supreme Court held that the prisoner's "minor bruises and swelling of his face, mouth, and lip," loosened teeth, and a cracked dental plate were "not *de minimis* for Eighth Amendment purposes." *Id.* at 4, 10. Viewed in the light most favorable to the prosecution, the evidence indicates that Blazo's injuries here are comparable to those of the prisoner in *Hudson*.

VI. MOTION FOR JUDGMENT OF ACQUITTAL AS TO MOORE CHARGE

Budd argues that the trial court erred in denying his motion for acquittal on Count 3, which charged Budd with violating the constitutional rights of inmate Brandon Moore. This court reviews *de novo*,and asks whether any rational trier of fact could have found beyond a reasonable doubt that Budd violated the Eighth Amendment rights of Brandon Moore, a convicted and sentenced inmate. *Meyer*, 359 F.3d at 826. Budd cannot meet this standard, and we reject this challenge.

In *Hudson*, the Supreme Court clarified the law applicable to convicted prisoners' excessiveforce claims. The Court held that when corrections officials use force to keep order, and this force is alleged to violate the Eighth Amendment rights of prisoners, "the core judicial inquiry is that set out in *Whitley* [*v. Albers*, 475 U.S. 312 (1986)]: whether force was applied in a good-faith effort to maintain or restore discipline, or maliciously and sadistically to cause harm." 503 U.S. at 7.

More recently, the Supreme Court has invoked *Whitley* to hold that the "'unnecessary and wanton infliction of pain . . . constitutes cruel and unusual punishment forbidden by the Eighth Amendment.'" *Hope v. Pelzer*, 536 U.S. 730, 737 (2002). *Hope* went on to reaffirm that "[a]mong 'unnecessary and wanton' inflictions of pain are those that are 'totally without penological justification.'" *Id.* (quoting *Rhodes v. Chapman*, 452 U.S. 337, 346 (1981)). Controlling an emergency situation and maintaining order are

legitimate penological justifications, *see, e.g.*, *Bell*, 441 U.S. at 540, 546-47, but when safety concerns have abated or an emergency has been dispelled, the justification may disappear. *See Hope*, 536 U.S. at 738.

In this case, several officials took Moore and his codefendants to wait in a witness room following their sentencing. Moore's hands and feet were shackled, and his hands were cuffed to a bellychain. Moore began "making fun of the whole situation" and "bragging about how many years he received," but was not "physically doing anything to threaten any of the deputies." Transcript at 68, 80-81. Budd told Moore to "shut the f*** up and sit down," and then forced Moore into a chair.[10] *Id.* at 69. Budd then ordered the two codefendants removed, leaving Budd, Deputy Tinkey, Deputy Oliver, and Moore in the witness room. After "a few short minutes," Budd grabbed the seated and compliant Moore by the collar and "slammed" him into the steel frame of a window, leaving "a crease in [Moore's] forehead." *Id.* at 69-70. Budd then ordered Tinkey to hold Moore against the window. Budd attempted to pull up Moore's sagging pants, and Moore, though still shackled, reacted by "jumping" at Budd. It is unclear whether this reaction was an attempt to harm Budd, mere surprise at Budd's actions, or a reflexive response to what was actually an

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[10] Deputy Tinkey testified that Budd forced Moore into the chair because he did not comply with the order to "shut the f*** up and sit down." Deputy Oliver, however, did not mention this supposed noncompliance and in fact testified that when Moore was chatting with his codefendants, he did not "attempt physically to do anything that was inconsistent with" what he was told to do, nor did he "disobey orders." Transcript at 119.

attack by Budd on Moore.[11] In any event, Tinkey immediately took Moore to the ground to secure him. Tinkey then told Moore to remain on the ground and took a few steps back.

Once on the ground, Moore did not move around, did not try to get back up, and did not verbally or physically threaten anyone—Tinkey testified that Moore "wasn't going anywhere" and "wasn't a threat to anyone." Id. at 73. Budd agitated and cursiing Moore, stepped on Moore's back with both feet.[12] Moore testified that his face was scratched up and his back was "starting to feel numb"; he later unsuccessfully requested medical attention. *Id.* at 108. Officer Oliver testified that he saw no law-enforcement reason for Budd's actions; Officer Tinkey testified that he did not see "any need" for Budd's actions and that "being obnoxious" is not a reason to use force on a prisoner. *Id.* at 75, 95. Budd disputed this characterization. He testified that when he slammed Moore into the window, he "was trying to restore order to a volatile situation," and when he stepped on Moore's back, he was "attempt[ing] to protect himself from injury." Transcript at 45.

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[11] Deputy Tinkey testified that he didn't know whether Moore was merely startled or whether he was attempting to attack Budd. Deputy Oliver testified that Budd had actually "jammed [Moore's pants] up into his crotch . . . pretty hard" and "kind of lifted him up" by his pants.

[12] Deputy Oliver testified that Budd actually stepped on Moore's back twice—once before the pants-hiking incident and once after.

A rational factfinder could have concluded that Budd acted without penological justification and therefore unnecessarily and wantonly inflicted pain on Moore in violation of the Eighth Amendment. *See Hope*, 536 U.S. at 737. Given the other officers' testimony, the jury reasonably could have seen Budd's supposed justifications as incredible. That is, Tinkey testified that when Budd slammed Moore into the window, a few minutes had passed since Moore had mouthed off, and that in any event, "being obnoxious" does not justify the use of force. Moreover, Moore was restrained, compliant, and alone in the room with three officers. The jury rationally could have disbelieved that this was a "volatile situation." Similarly, the jury could have disbelieved Budd's supposed concern for his safety when he stepped on Moore's back with both feet, given Tinkey's testimony that the prone, restrained inmate "wasn't going anywhere" and "wasn't a threat to anyone." Moore's injuries here, which included a dented forehead and numbness to his back, in which a bullet had previously become permanently lodged, were also comparable to those of the inmate in *Hudson*, and thus not *de minimis*. Therefore, we reject this challenge.

Budd also argues that the trial court should have granted his motion for judgment of acquittal on Count 3 because Moore never identified Budd as the person who assaulted him. This claim is totally meritless. Deputy Tinkey, on both direct and cross-examination, identified Budd as the one who assaulted Moore.

Deputy Oliver did the same. The fact that Moore did not also identify Budd is irrelevant.[13]

VII. CONCLUSION

For these reasons, we **AFFIRM** the judgment of the district court.

DISSENT

COOK, Circuit Judge, dissenting. I concur in all but Part II of the majority's opinion. I dissent because I conclude there was a constructive amendment to Count 3—not a mere variance.[1]

In deciding how to distinguish a constructive amendment from a mere variance, the majority favors this court's inscrutable doctrine[2] over clearer

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[13] Budd's citation to *Thigpen v. Cory*, 804 F.2d 893, 896-897 (6th Cir. 1986), is inapt. In that case, this court concluded that an eyewitness's line-up identification was unreliable under the five-factor test of *Neil v. Biggers*, 409 U.S. 188 (1972). This has nothing to do with Budd's claim that the government needed Moore's eyewitness testimony in addition to the eyewitness testimony of two officers.

[1] Because I would reverse based on a constructive amendment to Count 3, I would not reach the issues discussed in Part VI of the majority's opinion. That said, I agree with the substance of the majority's analysis.

[2] *United States v. Chilingirian*, 280 F.3d 704, 712 (6th Cir. 2002) ("[T]he distinction between a variance and a constructive amendment is sketchy."); *United States v. Hathaway*, 798 F.2d 902, 910 (6th Cir. 1986) ("[T]he distinction between a variance

commands from the Supreme Court. Having chosen a framework to decide the issue, the majority misapplies it on its own terms. Because this topic has troubled this court for years, I offer for consideration my understanding of the doctrine.

Defendants may invoke one of three theories to complain of inconsistencies between the indictment and either the jury instructions, the proof at trial, or both: (1) actual amendment, (2) constructive amendment, or (3) variance. *See, e.g.*, *United States v. Hathaway*, 798 F.2d 902, 910 (6th Cir. 1986) (identifying these three distinct theories). The first theory, actual amendment, traces to *Ex parte Bain*, 121 U.S. 1 (1887), *overruled on other grounds by United States v. Cotton*, 535 U.S. 625, 629–31 (2002). The grand jury indicted Bain and other bank officials for making false statements "with intent to deceive the comptroller of the currency and the agent appointed to examine the [bank's] affairs." *Id.* at 4. Thirteen months later, the prosecution moved the trial court to strike the words "the comptroller of the currency and" from the indictment. *Id.* at 5. The trial court granted the motion and struck the language, and Bain was convicted. The Supreme Court granted Bain's habeas corpus petition, concluding that this rewriting of the indictment ran afoul of the Fifth Amendment's command that "[n]o person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury." *Id.* at 6, 13–14. Specifically, the conviction could not stand because the grand jury had never considered the

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and a constructive amendment is at best 'shadowy . . . .'").

government's new theory that Bain had made false statements intending to deceive the agent, but not the comptroller. *See id.* at 13 ("[A]fter the indictment was changed it was no longer the indictment of the grand jury who presented it."). The Court reasoned that the grand-jury component of the Fifth Amendment checks overzealous prosecution and ensures that a citizen is not exposed to the risks and expense of a trial unless a grand jury composed of his peers determines that he should. *See id.* at 12 (citing *Jones v. Robbins*, 74 Mass. (8 Gray) 329 (1857)); *see alsoUnited States v. Beeler*, 587 F.2d 340, 342 (6th Cir. 1978) (noting that the most important reason for the rule barring actual and constructive amendments is "the assurance that a group of citizens independent of prosecutors or law enforcement officials have reviewed the allegations and determined that the case is worthy of being presented to a jury for a determination of the defendant's guilt or innocence"); *United States v. Moore*, 129 F.3d 873, 878 (6th Cir. 1997) (citing *Beeler*, 587 F.2d at 342).

The second theory, constructive amendment, is a legal fiction developed after *Bain*—a prosecutor could no longer *physically* rewrite the indictment, but he could still *effectively* rewrite the indictment by leaving its language untouched, but proposing jury instructions that embody a new theory or crime. This presents the same evil as an actual amendment: no grand jury passed on the essential description of the crime that ultimately formed the basis for conviction, a circumstance that contravenes the Fifth

Amendment.[3] Thus, courts developed the legal fiction of a "constructive amendment" to prevent this mischief. In *Stirone v. United States*, 361 U.S. 212 (1960), the seminal Hobbs Act[4] for interfering with interstate commerce in sand, but the trial court permitted government to argue that the defendant interfered with interstate commerce in steel, too, and the defendant was convicted. *Id.* at 213–14. The Supreme Court reversed the defendant's conviction, noting that "[a]lthough the trial court did not permit a formal amendment of the indictment, the effect of what it did was the same." *Id.* at 217. *Stirone* reveals two distinguishing features of a constructive amendment. First, a constructive amendment involves not just a "variation between pleading and proof," *id.*, but also an irregularity in the jury instructions, *seeid.* at 219 ("[W]e cannot know whether the grand jury would have included in its indictment a charge that commerce in steel from a nonexistent steel mill had been interfered with. Yet because of the court's admission of evidence *and under its charge* this might have been the basis upon which the trial jury convicted petitioner." (emphasis added)). Second, a constructive amendment is not amenable to harmless-error

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[3] Of course, correction of a scrivener's error presents no problem. *See, e.g.*, *Russell v. United States*, 369 U.S. 749, 770 (1962) ("[A]n indictment may not be amended except by resubmission to the grand jury, *unless the change is merely a matter of form.*" (citing *Bain*, 121 U.S. 1) (emphasis added)).

[4] That statute provided that "[w]hoever in any way or degree obstructs, delays, or affects commerce or the movement of any article or commodity in commerce, by robbery or extortion" shall be fined or imprisoned, or both. 18 U.S.C. § 1951(a).

analysis. *Id.* at 217 ("Deprivation of such a basic right is far too serious to be treated as nothing more than a variance and then dismissed as harmless error.").

The third theory, alluded to in *Stirone*, is the variance. *Stirone* makes clear that a variance results when there is a "variation between pleading and proof," *see id.*, but the jury instructions properly mirror the language of the indictment, *see id.* at 215, 217–18 (explaining *Berger v. United States*, 295 U.S. 78 (1935)). In *Berger*, the irregularity came when the prosecution introduced proof of a second conspiracy in addition to the one charged. 295 U.S. at 79–81. The Court questioned whether the variance "affect[ed] the substantial rights" of the defendant, *id.* at 82, and concluded that it did not, *id.* at 83–84. *Berger* confirms that a variance has nothing to do with the defendant's Fifth Amendment grand jury right: the Court never mentioned the concept. Instead, a variance issue turns on whether the defendant (1) has sufficient notice of the allegations to mount a defense, and (2) will be protected against double jeopardy. *Id.* at 82. These lesser concerns require reversal only if the defendant shows prejudice to a substantial right. *Id.*

These three cases demonstrate that distinguishing a constructive amendment from a variance requires review of the jury instructions. When the jury instructions mirror the indictment and the defendant claims only that the proof at trial diverged from the indictment, he can complain only of a variance and must show prejudice. But when the jury instructions do not mirror the indictment—as was true in Budd's case—the defendant's claim is properly categorized

under the "constructive amendment" rubric.[5] Although Budd's indictment charges him with violating 18 U.S.C. § 242 by depriving inmate Moore of his Fourteenth Amendment rights, the court instructed the jury to convict if it found that Budd violated 18 U.S.C. § 242 by depriving Moore of his Eighth Amendment rights. In other words, after the government secured an indictment premised on a Fourteenth Amendment deprivation, it switched theories and tried the case—jury instructions and all—based on an Eighth Amendment deprivation. Following this circuit's rule that a constructive amendment is per se prejudicial, *see, e.g.*, *United States v. Prince*, 214 F.3d 740, 757 (6th Cir. 2000) (collecting cases), I would reverse Budd's conviction on this count and remand for resentencing.

The majority avoids the three Supreme Court cases I describe above and instead attempts to draw from this court's precedent a principle that "a variance in some cases is not different in kind from a constructive amendment, but merely in degree; if it serious enough, it becomes a constructive amendment."[6] *Ante* at 3. For two reasons, I cannot agree. First, the concepts of "variance" and "constructive amendment" differ in

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[5] The proof invariably will differ too—after all, the prosecution has to prove its new theory—but this proof aspect is not the crucial distinction.

[6] I assume the majority traces this principle to cases framing the question as whether a variance "rose to the level" of a constructive amendment. *See, e.g.*, *United States v. Hynes*, 467 F.3d 951, 962 (6th Cir. 2006); *United States v. Barrow*, 118 F.3d 482, 489 (6th Cir. 1997).

kind, not degree: either the jury instructions mirror the indictment, or they do not. The principle identified by the majority likely results from loose language in past cases; that is, labeling what is actually just a prejudicial variance a "constructive amendment." If the court reverses based only on irregularities of proof, it is because the variance prejudiced the defendant's substantial rights, not because it was a constructive amendment. Second, the practical implications of a framework where a variance can "rise to the level" of a constructive amendment reveal its flaw. Presumably, under the majority's framework, the defendant must show that a supposed variance "rose to the level" of a constructive amendment by showing that he was actually prejudiced. If the defendant must show actual prejudice to get per se treatment, this would eliminate the need for even the *concept* of prejudice per se—every case would turn on whether the defendant had shown "enough" actual prejudice.

The majority ultimately turns to *Martin*, *Prince*, and *Suarez* to decide whether the irregularities in this case represented a variance or a constructive amendment, inquiring "whether the jury instruction and evidence introduced another crime or an 'alternative method[] by which the one crime . . . could have been committed.'" *Suarez*, 263 F.3d at 478 (quoting *Prince*, 214 F.3d at 758). It finds a mere variance, concluding that violating Moore's Fourteenth Amendment rights is merely an "alternative method" by which Budd could have violated 18 U.S.C. § 242. I cannot agree. Moore was a convicted inmate whose rights against excessive force sound excessive force

sound exclusively in the eighth amendment,[7] so the only "method" by which Budd could have violated 18 U.S.C. § 242 would have been by depriving Moore of his Eighth Amendment rights against cruel and unusual punishment. Depriving Moore of Fourteenth Amendment rights against excessive force amounting to punishment–rights that, based on his inmate status, Moore does not even have—simply is not a "method" by which Budd could have violated 18 U.S.C. § 242.[8]

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[7] *See, e.g.*, *Gravely v. Madden*, 142 F.3d 345, 348–49 (6th Cir. 1998) (noting that *Whitley v. Albers*, 475 U.S. 312 (1986), "made it clear that the legal status of the victim of the excessive force determines whether the Fourth, the Eighth, or the Fourteenth Amendment governs his excessive force claims"); *Pelfrey v. Chambers*, 43 F.3d 1034, 1036–37 (6th Cir. 1995) (noting that after *Graham v. Connor*, 490 U.S. 386 (1989), convicted prisoners may raise excessive-force claims only under the Eighth Amendment); *Cornwell v. Dahlberg*, 963 F.2d 912, 916 (6th Cir. 1992) ("Since [convicted prisoner] Cornwell's excessive force claim . . . can only be properly considered under the Eighth Amendment [after *Graham v. Connor*], we hold that the district court erred in submitting this claim of excessive force to the jury under the Fourth Amendment.").

[8] In *Hynes*, this court offered another formulation for distinguishing a variance from a constructive amendment. The majority mentions *Hynes*, *ante* at 3, but quickly brushes it aside, apparently reasoning that *Hynes* applies only in cases where "the difference between indictment and jury instructions is not the facts of the offense, but the legal theory," *ante* at 3. Again, I respectfully disagree. *Hynes* posits that a constructive amendment results "'when an indictment's terms are effectively altered by the presentation of evidence and jury instructions that so modify essential elements of the offense charged that there is a substantial likelihood the defendant [was] convicted of an

In the last few paragraphs of Part II, the majority appears to dismiss any irregularity in this case by reasoning that the "evidence" or "proof" presented to the grand jury would have been the same whether the indictment had charged an Eighth or Fourteenth Amendment deprivation. *Ante* at 7. I respectfully suggest that by focusing on Budd's actions and ignoring his mental state, the majority misses the point. The grand jury never decided that Budd should stand trial for using "malicious and sadistic" or "unnecessary and wanton" excessive force on inmate Moore. *See Bain*, 121 U.S. at 10–13 (discussing the protection afforded by the grand jury). And although widespread experience suggests that the grand jury

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offense other than that charged in the indictment.'" 467 F.3d at 961–62 (quoting *United States v. Combs*, 369 F.3d 925, 936 (6th Cir. 2004)). This clearly seems to cover situations where the inconsistency lies not only in the facts, but also in the legal theory. And applying this formulation to Budd's case also dictates the conclusion that there was a constructive amendment to his indictment. The inconsistency between the jury instructions' Eighth Amendment language ("malicious and sadistic" or "unnecessary and wanton") and the indictment's Fourteenth Amendment language ("excessive force that amounts to punishment") plainly modified the *mens rea* element: it is more difficult to establish that a corrections officer acted "maliciously and sadistically" toward an inmate—who constitutionally may be punished—than to prove that the officer's conduct toward a pretrial detainee "amounted to punishment." *E.g.*, *Phelps v. Coy*, 286 F.3d 295, 299 (6th Cir. 2002)("The question of which amendment supplies Phelps's rights is not merely academic, for the standards of liability vary significantly according to which amendment applies.").

was unlikely to tarry over *mens rea* subtleties,[9] the Supreme Court has explicitly forbidden us from speculating on subjects such as whether the grand jury would have indicted Budd for an Eighth Amendment deprivation just as it actually indicted him for a Fourteenth Amendment deprivation. As the Court said in *United States v. Russell*,

> To allow . . . the court[] to make a subsequent guess as to what was in the minds of the grand jury at the time they returned the indictment would deprive the defendant of a basic protection which the guaranty of the intervention of a grand jury was designed to secure. . . . This underlying principle is reflected by the settled rule in the federal courts that an indictment may not be amended except by resubmission to the grand jury, unless the change is merely a matter of form.

369 U.S. 749, 770 (1962) (citing *Bain*, 121 U.S. 1, and *Stirone*, 361 U.S. 212). No grand jury ever concluded that Budd should stand trial for the more-serious level of excessive force that the government needed to prove to the petit jury, and this contravenes the Fifth Amendment. I respectfully dissent.

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[9] Empirically, the grand jury returns an indictment in the overwhelming majority of cases. *See, e.g., United States v. Navarro-Vargas*, 408 F.3d 1184, 1195 & nn.14–15 (9th Cir. 2005) (en banc). Colloquially, "a grand jury would indict a ham sandwich." *E.g., id.* at 1195.

APPENDIX B

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

No. 04-cr-508

[Filed July 26, 2005]

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)
v.	)
MICHAEL J. BUDD,	)
	)

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

Martin Yavorcik/sebastian Rucci
Defendant's Attorney

THE DEFENDANT:

* * *

[X] was found guilty on count(s) one, two, three and four of the oriainal indictment after a plea of not guilty.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

Title & Section	Nature of Offense	Offense Ended	Count
18 U.S.C. § 371, § 242 and § 1512 (b)(3)	Conspiracy to Deprive Civil Rights Under Color of law and Corruptly Hindering, Delaying or Preventing Communication to a law Enforcement Officer or Federal Judge	12/28/2001	one
18 U.S.C. § 242 and 2	Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law	10/23/2002	Two, Three and Four

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 6 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984, as affected by U.S. v. Booker.

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It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United States attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or restitution, mailing the address defendant until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States

attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

21 Julv 2005
Date of Imposition of Judgment

/s/
Signature of Judge

Leslev Wells, United States District Judge
Name and Title of Judge

7/25/2005
Date

IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of:

SIXTY (60) MONTHS AS TO COUNT ONE OF THE ORIGINAL INDICTMENT; NINETY-SEVEN (97) MONTHS AS TO COUNTS TWO, THREE AND FOUR OF THE ORIGINAL INDICTMENT; SENTENCE TO RUN CONCURRENTLY WITH EACH OTHER.

The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:

[X] The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

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RETURN

I have executed this judgment as follows:

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SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be on supervised release for a term of:

THREE (3) YEARS AS TO COUNTS ONE, TWO, THREE AND FOUR OF THE ORIGINAL INDICTMENT; SENTENCE TO RUN CONCURRENTLY WITH EACH OTHER.

The defendant must report to the probation office in the district to which the defendant is released within 72 hours of release from the custody of the Bureau of Prisons.

The defendant shall not commit another federal, state or local crime.

The defendant shall not unlawfully possess a controlled substance. The defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. The defendant shall submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and to two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.

[X] The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that the defendant poses a low risk of future substance abuse. (Check, if applicable.)

[X] The defendant shall not possess a firearm, destructive device, or any other dangerous weapon. (Check, if applicable.)

[X] The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. (Check, if applicable.)

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If this judgment imposes a fine or restitution, it is a condition of supervised release that the defendant pay in accordance with the Schedule of Payments sheet of this judgment.

The defendant must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any additional conditions on the attached page.

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

1) the defendant shall not leave the judicial district without the permission of the court or probation officer;

2) the defendant shall report to the probation officer and shall submit a truthful and complete written report within the first five days of each month;

3) the defendant shall answer truthfully all inquiries by the probation officer and follow the instructions of the probation officer;

4) the defendant shall support his or her dependents and meet other family responsibilities;

5) the defendant shall work regularly at a lawful occupation, unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons;

6) the defendant shall notify the probation officer at least ten days prior to any change in residence or employment;

7) the defendant shall refrain from excessive use of alcohol and shall not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any controlled substance or any paraphernalia related to any controlled substances, except as prescribed by a physician;

8) the defendant shall not frequent places where controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed, or administered;

9) the defendant shall not associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity and shall not associate with any person convicted of a felony, unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer;

10) the defendant shall permit a probation officer to visit him or her at any time at home or elsewhere and shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view of the probation officer;

11) the defendant shall notify the probation officer within seventy-two hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer;

12) the defendant shall not enter into any agreement to act as an informer or a special agent of a law enforcement agency without the permission of the court; and

13) as directed by the probation officer, the defendant shall notify third parties of risks that may be occasioned by the defendant's criminal record or personal history or characteristics and shall permit the probation officer to make such notifications and to confirm the defendant's compliance with such notification requirement.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

[X] The defendant shall pay any remaining balance of the fine, as directed by the Probation Department.

CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments on Sheet 6.

	Assessment	Fine	Restitution
TOTALS	**$400.00**	**12,500.00**	**$ -0-**

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SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties are due as follows:

A [X] Lump sum payment of $12.500 due immediately, balance due

[ ] not later than_____, or
[X] in accordance [ ]C, [ ]D, [ ]E, or [X]F below; or

* * *

F X Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:

A special assessment of $400.00 is due in full immediately; $100.00 as to each count one, two, three and four of the original indictment. Any remaining balance of the fine shall be paid through the Bureau of Prisons Inmate Financial Responsibility Program.

PAYMENT IS TO BE MADE PAYABLE AND SENT TO THE CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT.

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Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) fine principal, (5) fine interest, (6) community restitution, (7) penalties, and (8) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.

APPENDIX C

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

No. 05-4098

[Filed January 23, 2008]

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, *Plaintiff-Appellee,*	)
v.	)
MICHAEL J. BUDD, *Defendant-Appellant.*	)

BEFORE: COOK and MCKEAGUE, Circuit Judges; and EDGAR,* District Judge.

The court having received a petition for rehearing en banc, and the petition having been circulated not only to the original panel members but also to all other active judges of this court, and no judge of this court having requested a vote on the suggestion for

* Hon. R. Allan Edgar, Senior United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, sitting by designation.

rehearing en banc, the petition for rehearing has been referred to the original panel.

The panel has further reviewed the petition for rehearing and concludes that the issues raised in the petition were fully considered upon the original submission and decision of the case. Accordingly, the petition is denied. Judge Cook would grant rehearing for the reasons stated in her dissent.

ENTERED BY ORDER OF THE COURT

/s/

Leonard Green, Clerk

APPENDIX D

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

No. 04-cr-508

[Filed July 26, 2005]

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)
v.	)
MICHAEL J. BUDD,	)
	)

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

General Allegations

1. At all times relevant to this indictment, the Mahoning County Sheriff's Department ("Sheriff's Department") was a law enforcement agency in Mahoning County, Ohio. Among other functions, the Sheriff's Department operated the Mahoning County Jail ("Jail"), in Youngstown, Ohio and transported detainees in its custody to and from court proceedings.

2. At all times relevant to this indictment, the Mahoning County Courthouse ("Courthouse") was a

building in Mahoning County, Ohio that was used to conduct judicial proceedings.

3. At all times relevant to this indictment, employees of the Sheriff's Department guarded people who were being held at the Jail, transported people in their custody to and from judicial proceedings at the Courthouse and were responsible for conducting themselves in compliance with federal, state and local laws, including the United States Constitution.

4. At all times relevant to this indictment, defendant MICHAEL J. BUDD ("BUDD") was employed by the Sheriff's Department, working as a Major. In that capacity, BUDD was the second highest ranking official in the Sheriff's Department. Therefore, in addition to the powers and duties of a deputy, BUDD had supervisory authority over all employees of the Sheriff's Department other than the Sheriff and was responsible for supervising and directing all aspects of the Sheriff's Department's operations.

5. At all times relevant to this indictment, Mark Dixon, Raymond Hull, John Rivera, Ronald Kaschak and Ryan Strange were employed by the Sheriff's Department, working as deputies at the Jail under BUDD's supervision and command.

6. At all times relevant to this indictment, Ronald Denson and William Deluca were employed by the Sheriff's Department, working as supervisors at the Jail under BUDD's supervision and command.

7. At all times relevant to this indictment, Tawhon Easterly was a person who was being held as a pretrial

detainee in the Jail; that is Easterly was under the custody and care of the Sheriff's Department after being charged with a crime but prior to any trial or adjudication relating to the charges against him.

8. At all times relevant to this indictment, Brandon Moore was a person who was in the custody and care of the Sheriff's Department. Brandon Moore attended a sentencing in the Courthouse on or about October 23, 2002, and his sentence was formally docketed on or about October 29, 2002.

9. At all times relevant to this indictment, Stephen Blazo was a person who was in the custody and care of the Sheriff's Department. Stephen Blazo was arrested in or about the first week of July 2000, and taken to the Jail to be processed and interrogated.

The Grand Jury further charges:

COUNT 1

[18 U.S.C. § 371 - Conspiracy]

1. Paragraphs 1-9 of the General Allegations are incorporated by reference in this count of the indictment.

2. On or about December 28, 2001, in the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern. Division and elsewhere, MICHAEL J. BUDD, defendant herein, and Raymond Hull, Mark Dixon, John Rivera, Ryan Strange, Ronald Denson, William Deluca, Ronald Kaschak and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly and willfully conspire, combine, confederate and agree

with each other to: a) deprive Tawhon Easterly of rights and privileges secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, to wit: the right to Due Process of law under the Constitution, which includes the right to be free from excessive forceamounting to punishment by one acting under color of law, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242, and b) corruptly persuade and engage in misleading conduct toward another person with intent to hinder, delay or prevent the communication to a federal law enforcement officer or federal judge of information relating to the commission or possible commission of a federal offense, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1512(b)(3).

Manner and Means of the Conspiracy

3. It was part of the conspiracy that MICHAEL J. BUDD and supervisors at the Jail directed that guards beat an inmate after they heard that he had struck a female guard.

4. It was part of the conspiracy that guards twice took Tawhon Easterly from his cell to more isolated areas of the Jail and used excessive force on him.

5. It was part of the conspiracy that supervisors and guards did not complete required use of force reports in order to further conceal the improper beatings of Tawhon Easterly.

6. It was part of the conspiracy that over nine months after the fact, a false report was completed to hinder efforts to investigate the improper beatings of Tawhon Easterly.

Overt Acts

7. In furtherance of this conspiracy, and to accomplish its objectives, the conspirators committed the following overt acts, among others, in and around Youngstown, Ohio:

8. On or about December 28, 2001, a person known to the Grand Jury identified Tawhon Easterly as the person who had struck a female guard.

9. On or about December 28, 2001, Ronald Denson directed that Tawhon Easterly be taken from his cell and escorted to the recreation area, where there were no inmates at the time.

10. On or about December 28, 2001, Raymond Hull, Mark Dixon, Ryan Strange, Ronald Denson and others known to the Grand Jury proceeded to the recreation area and surrounded Tawhon Easterly, restraining his movement.

11. On or about December 28, 2001, Raymond Hull, Mark Dixon and Ryan Strange beat Tawhon Easterly.

12 On or about December 28, 2001, defendant MICHAEL J. BUDD passed orders through supervisor William Deluca that Tawhon Easterly was to be put in the hospital as punishment for hitting a guard.

13. On or about December 28, 2001, defendant MICHAEL J. BUDD passed orders through supervisor Ronald Denson that Tawhon Easterly was to be put in the hospital as punishment for hitting a guard.

14. On or about December 28, 2001, William Deluca instructed deputies in the Jail that, pursuant to instructions from senior management, they were to use force on Tawhon Easterly in order to punish him.

15. On or about December 28, 2001, Raymond Hull, Mark Dixon, John Rivera and Ronald Kaschak went to Tawhon Easterly's cell and took him from the cell.

16. On or about December 28, 2001, Raymond Hull, Mark Dixon, John Rivera and Ronald Kaschak surrounded Tawhon Easterly and took him to an isolated area of the Jail.

17. On or about December 28, 2001, Raymond Hull, Mark Dixon, John Rivera and Ronald Kaschak beat Tawhon Easterly.

18. On or about December 28, 2001, Raymond Hull and John Rivera dragged Tawhon Easterly naked through the Jail's lockdown unit to an isolation cell.

19. On or about September 10, 2002, MICHAEL J. BUDD directed that Ronald Kaschak come to his office in the Jail.

20. On or about September 10, 2002, MICHAEL J. BUDD threatened that Ronald Kaschak would be fired if he did not give a false statement regarding the beating of TawhonEasterly.

21. On or about September 10, 2002, Ronald Kaschak gave a false statement regarding the beating of Tawhon Easterly.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

The Grand Jury further charges:

COUNT 2

[18 U.S.C. §§ 242 and 2 - Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law]

1. Paragraphs 1-9 of the General Allegations and 3-6 of Count 1 of this indictment are incorporated by reference in this count.

2. On or about December 28, 2001, in the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, MICHAEL J. BUDD, defendant herein, Raymond Hull, Mark Dixon, John Rivera, William Deluca, Ronald Denson, Ronald Kaschak and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, while acting under color of the laws of the State of Ohio, and while aiding and abetting each other, did use and cause to be used excessive force on Tawhon Easterly, a pretrial detainee at the Jail, resulting in bodily injury, thereby willfully depriving him of rights and privileges secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, to wit: the right to Due Process of law under the Constitution, which includes the right to be free from excessive force amounting to punishment by one acting under color of law.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 242 and 2.

The Grand Jury further charges:

COUNT 3

[18 U.S.C. §§ 242 and 2 - Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law]

1. Paragraphs 1-9 of the General Allegations and 3-6 of Count 1 of this indictment are incorporated by reference in this count.

2. On or about October 23, 2002, in the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, MICHAEL J. BUDD, defendant herein and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, whileacting under color of the laws of the State of Ohio, and while aiding and abetting each other, did use and cause to be used excessive force on Brandon Moore, a **detainee** at the Courthouse for a judicial proceeding, resulting in bodily injury, thereby willfully depriving him of rights and privileges secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, to wit: the right to Due Process of law under the Constitution, which includes the right to be free from excessive force amounting to punishment by one acting under color of law.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 242 and 2.

The Grand Jury further charges:

COUNT 4

[18 U.S.C. §§ 242 and 2 -- Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law]

1. Paragraphs 1-9 of the General Allegations and 3-6 of Count 1 of this indictment are incorporated by reference in this count.

2. In or about the first week of July 2000, in the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, MICHAEL J. BUDD, defendant herein, while acting under color of the laws of the State of Ohio, aided and abetted and did use and cause to be used excessive force on Stephen Blazo, a **detainee** at the Jail, resulting in bodily injury, thereby willfully depriving him of rights and privileges secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, to wit: the right to Due Process of law under the Constitution, which includes the right to be free from excessive force amounting to punishment by one acting under color of law.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 242 and 2.

The Grand Jury further charges:

U.S. SENTENCING GUIDELINES ("U.S.S.G.") ALLEGATIONS

1. The General Allegations and Counts 1-4 of this indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference herein for purposes of alleging facts under the U.S.S.G.

2. The following additional allegations are set forth for the purpose of applying the U.S.S.G.

3. With respect to Count 1 of this indictment: (A) Aggravated assault was intended to occur (U.S.S.G.

§2X1.1(a)); (B) The assault involved more than minimal planning (U.S.S.G. § 2A2.2(b)(1)); (C) The victim sustained bodily injury (U.S.S.G. § 2A2.2(b)); (D) The defendant knew and should have known that the victim of the offense was a vulnerable victim (U.S.S.G. § 3A1.1(b)(1)); and (E) The victim was physically restrained in the course of the offense (U.S.S.G. § 3A1.3).

3. With respect to Count 2 of this indictment: (A) The offense involved two or more participants (U.S.S.G. § 2H1.1(a)(2)); (B) The defendant knew and should have known that the victim of the offense was a vulnerable victim (U.S.S.G. § 3A1.1(b)(1)); and (C) The victim was physically restrained in the course of the offense (U.S.S.G. § 3A1.3).

4. With respect to Count 3 of this indictment: (A) The offense involved two or more participants (U.S.S.G. § 2H1.1(a)(2)); (B) The defendant knew and should have known that the victim of the offense was a vulnerable victim (U.S.S.G. § 3A1.1(b)(1)); and (C) The victim was physically restrained in the course of the offense (U.S.S.G. § 3A1.3).

5. With respect to Count 4 of this indictment: (A) The defendant knew and should have known that the victim of the offense was a vulnerable victim (U.S.S.G. § 3A1.1(b)(1)); and (B) The victim was physically restrained in the course of the offense (U.S.S.G. §3A1.3).

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Whether the jury instructions at petitioner's trial constructively amended the indictment in violation of the Grand Jury Clause of the Fifth Amendment.

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OPINION BELOW

The opinion of the court of appeals (Pet. App. 1a-39a) is reported at 496 F.3d 517.

JURISDICTION

The judgment of the court of appeals was entered on August 13, 2007. A petition for rehearing was denied on January 23, 2008 (Pet. App. 49a). The petition for a writ of certiorari was filed on April 22, 2008. The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U.S.C. 1254(1).

STATEMENT

Following jury trials in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, petitioner was convicted on one count of conspiracy, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 371, and three counts of depriving another of constitutional rights under color of law, in violation of

18 U.S.C. 242. Pet. App. 2a-3a, 40a-41a. The district court sentenced petitioner to 97 months of imprisonment, to be followed by three years of supervised release, and a $12,500 fine. *Id.* at 42a-48a. The court of appeals affirmed. *Id.* at 1a-30a.

1. Petitioner was the second-in-command of the Mahoning County, Ohio, Sheriff's Department, holding the rank of major. In that position, petitioner supervised the County Jail and security at the County Courthouse in Youngstown. Gov't C.A. Br. 5.

The victim of the conduct relevant here, Brandon Moore, was a 16-year-old detainee in the custody of the Sheriff's Department and was at the County Courthouse for his sentencing. Petitioner was in charge of courthouse security that day. After Moore's sentencing (but before he was remanded to custody or a final judgment was entered), he was taken to a conference room in the courthouse by petitioner and several deputies. Moore was restrained with handcuffs, leg shackles, and a belly chain. Gov't C.A. Br. 12-13, 39; C.A. App. 679-680.

Petitioner became upset about comments Moore made about his trial and sentencing. Petitioner slammed Moore's head into a window; pushed Moore against the steel windowframe, leaving an indentation in Moore's forehead; threw Moore to the floor face-first, knocking the breath out of him; stepped on Moore's back with both feet; and kicked Moore in the ribs. During the entire assault, Moore was fully restrained by his handcuffs and chains and offered no resistance or threat. See Gov't C.A. Br. 13-15.

2. A grand jury in the Northern District of Ohio indicted petitioner on several federal charges. Count 3 of the indictment charged petitioner with violating Moore's civil rights under color of law, in violation of

18 U.S.C. 242. Pet. App. 58a. The other counts charged petitioner with violating and conspiring to violate the rights of two pretrial detainees at the County Jail. *Id.* at 53a-57a, 58a-59a.

Count 3 alleged that petitioner, "while acting under color of [state] law[], * * * did use and cause to be used excessive force on Brandon Moore." Pet. App. 58a. That use of force, the indictment charged, had "willfully depriv[ed] [Moore] of rights and privileges secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, to wit: the right to Due Process of law under the Constitution, which includes the right to be free from excessive force amounting to punishment by one acting under color of law." *Ibid.* Therefore, the indictment alleged, petitioner had violated Section 242 both as a principal and as an aider and abettor. See *ibid.*

At trial, petitioner contended that Moore was no longer a pretrial detainee when he was beaten, and therefore that the charge required proof that petitioner had violated Moore's rights under the Eighth Amendment, not the Due Process Clause. C.A. App. 196-197. Petitioner requested that the jury be instructed accordingly. *Id.* at 206-211. He contended that proving an Eighth Amendment violation required the government to surmount a "substantially higher hurdle" than proving a due process violation. *Id.* at 197. The government contended that because Moore's conviction was not yet final when he was beaten, the due process standard should apply. *Id.* at 686-687. The district court agreed with petitioner that the Eighth Amendment governed the charge of violating Moore's civil rights, and the court submitted Count 3 to the jury on that basis. See *id.* at 683-684, 779.

The jury found petitioner guilty of the conspiracy count, but was unable to reach a verdict on the other charges, including Count 3. The district court declared a mistrial, and petitioner was re-tried on Counts 2, 3, and 4. Pet. App. 3a.

Shortly before the retrial, petitioner moved to dismiss Count 3. He contended that the indictment failed to charge an Eighth Amendment violation and that retrying him on Count 3 under an Eighth Amendment theory would constructively amend the indictment. Gov't C.A. Br. 39. The district court denied the motion. C.A. App. 361-364.

At the retrial, the district court again instructed the jury that Count 3 required the government to prove that petitioner had violated Moore's Eighth Amendment rights, *i.e.*, that he had "unnecessarily and wantonly inflicted pain on Brandon Moore" that was not "applied in a good faith effort to maintain or restore discipline." C.A. App. 1863. The jury found petitioner guilty on all remaining charges, including Count 3. Pet. App. 3a.

3. The court of appeals affirmed. Pet. App. 1a-39a. As relevant here, the court held that the jury instructions on Count 3 did not constructively amend the indictment but resulted at most in a harmless variance. *Id.* at 3a-17a.

a. At the outset, the court explained that a "constructive amendment results when the terms of an indictment are in effect altered by the presentation of evidence and jury instructions which so modify essential elements of the offense charged that there is a substantial likelihood that the defendant may have been convicted of an offense other than the one charged in the indictment." Pet. App. 4a (citation omitted). The court identified two situations in which a constructive amend-

ment can occur: (1) where the jury instructions and evidence present a factual theory of the case that differs from the one alleged in the indictment, and (2) where the jury instructions change the legal theory of the case in such a way that the defendant is convicted of a crime distinct from the one alleged in the indictment. *Id.* at 6a-7a, 9a-10a.

The court further explained that some discrepancies between indictment and proof do not rise to the level of constructive amendments, but are instead mere variances and may be harmless. Pet. App. 4a-5a. "Generally speaking," the court explained, "a variance 'occurs when the charging terms [of the indictment] are unchanged, but the evidence at trial proves facts materially different from those alleged in the indictment.'" *Id.* at 4a (citations omitted). A variance is not reversible error unless it "affect[s] some substantial right of the defendant." *Id.* at 6a (citation omitted; brackets in original). Petitioner did not attempt to identify any effect on his substantial rights. See *id.* at 17a. Thus, the court of appeals considered only whether petitioner had identified a change significant enough to constitute a constructive amendment.

An alleged change in the government's legal theory (rather than its factual basis), the court of appeals elaborated, is a constructive amendment only if it asks the jury to convict the defendant of an *offense* different from the one charged. The court explained that the defendant must show that "the offense described in the indictment and that described in the jury instructions are two different offenses," and not just "two methods of committing one offense." Pet. App. 9a-10a. Proving the same offense by a different method, by contrast, creates only a variance. See *id.* at 6a-11a. This distinction, in the

court's view, harmonized two lines of circuit precedent extending back to 1981 (although the court acknowledged that some "tension" remained, *id.* at 11a n.4).

Applying these standards, the court of appeals held that the district court did not constructively amend the indictment by instructing the jury that an element of Count 3 was petitioner's violation of the Eighth Amendment. Pet. App. 13a-17a. The court explained that the factual theory of the indictment and the facts proved to the jury were identical. *Id.* at 13a, 16a, 17a. The court further observed that "[t]he indictment and the jury instructions * * * specify an offense against the same statute, 18 U.S.C. § 242." *Id.* at 13a. The court concluded that "the Fourteenth Amendment language in the indictment and the Eighth Amendment language in the jury instructions describe two different methods of committing the same crime, and the difference [was] merely a variance." *Id.* at 16a-17a; see *id.* at 13a-14a.

Petitioner made no effort to show prejudice from the variance, and the court discerned none, because "[petitioner]'s ability to present a defense * * * could not reasonably have been undermined by the change" in theories. Pet. App. 17a. The court also noted that "there is no suggestion that [petitioner] could be subjected to double jeopardy" as a result of the variance. *Ibid.* The court therefore affirmed the conviction. *Id.* at 30a.

b. Judge Cook dissented in relevant part, concluding that the jury instructions resulted in a constructive amendment requiring reversal of petitioner's conviction on Count 3. Pet. App. 30a-39a. In her view, whenever "the jury instructions do not mirror the indictment," there has been a constructive amendment that is "per se prejudicial." *Id.* at 34a-35a. Judge Cook also disagreed

with the majority's conclusion that the due process violation alleged in the indictment and the Eighth Amendment standard contained in the jury instructions were merely "alternative method[s]" by which petitioner could violate 18 U.S.C. 242. Pet. App. 36a. She argued that if Moore was a convicted inmate, rather than a pretrial detainee, he did not have the Fourteenth Amendment right identified in Count 3 of the indictment, and that the indictment therefore did not allege an alternative "method" of violating Section 242. *Id.* at 36a-37a.

ARGUMENT

Petitioner alleges no conflict among the courts of appeals, but contends that the decision below is contrary to this Court's precedents. That contention is incorrect. The court of appeals correctly applied this Court's cases in concluding that no constructive amendment occurred in this case. Indeed, the purported discrepancy between the indictment and the jury instructions in this case is so minimal that it does not qualify as a variance, and it clearly caused no prejudice to petitioner. Further review therefore is not warranted.

1. The Grand Jury Clause of the Fifth Amendment states that "[n]o person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury." U.S. Const. Amend. V. This right protects a defendant from being "tried on charges that are not made in the indictment against him." *Stirone* v. *United States*, 361 U.S. 212, 217 (1960). Consequently, "after an indictment has been returned its charges may not be broadened through amendment except by the grand jury itself." *Id.* at 215-216. As the court of appeals recognized (Pet. App. 4a), such an impermissible amendment may occur where

the jury instructions and evidence at trial broaden the core factual theory alleged in the indictment. See *Stirone*, 361 U.S. at 217-219.

2. No constructive amendment occurred in this case. The jury instructions did not broaden either the factual or legal theory of guilt charged in Count 3; indeed, because the facts and identity of petitioner's crime were proved just as they were alleged in the indictment, any discrepancy in identifying precisely which constitutional right petitioner violated was altogether irrelevant. The jury instructions therefore did not violate petitioner's rights under the Grand Jury Clause.

a. The court of appeals correctly concluded that the jury instructions did not alter the factual theory alleged in Count 3. Pet. App. 16a-17a. The factual predicate charged in the indictment was that petitioner "did use and cause to be used excessive force on Brandon Moore, * * * resulting in bodily injury," and that he did so willfully and with an intent to deprive Moore of his constitutional rights. *Id.* at 58a. The same facts were presented at trial and served as the basis of the jury's finding petitioner guilty on Count 3. *Id.* at 16a.

That identity of proof is alone sufficient to distinguish this case from the decisions on which petitioner relies. In *Stirone*, petitioner's principal case, the indictment charged the defendant with using extortion to obstruct the importation of sand, but the proof at trial and the jury instructions permitted a conviction if the defendant had interfered with *either* the importation of sand *or* the exportation of steel (which the indictment had not mentioned). 361 U.S. at 213-214. This Court reversed the conviction, concluding that the "variation between pleading and proof" so broadened the factual allegations that it allowed the defendant to be convicted of an of-

fense that the grand jury had never charged. *Id.* at 217-219. *Stirone* has no application to a case like petitioner's, in which the jury instructions and evidence at trial left the factual allegations of his indictment entirely unchanged.[1]

b. Petitioner nonetheless contends that the jury instructions and proof at trial varied from the indictment's legal theory for alleging (Pet. App. 58a) that his "us[ing] * * * excessive force on Brandon Moore" violated Moore's constitutional rights. That contention lacks merit, for several reasons.

First, and most simply, there was no variance at all, because a state actor's infringement of Eighth Amendment rights is necessarily a deprivation of due process as well. "[T]he Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment incorporates the Eighth Amendment's guarantee against cruel and unusual punishment." *United States* v. *Georgia*, 546 U.S. 151, 157 (2006). Thus, as two other circuits have correctly held, no constructive amendment occurs in an excessive-force case

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[1] Petitioner cites a handful of cases in addition to *Stirone*, but none of them is contrary to the decision below. In *Ex parte Bain*, 121 U.S. 1 (1887), not only was the amendment a factual one (concerning the identity of the government official whom Bain had intended to deceive), it was also an express one: the trial court actually amended the indictment. *Id.* at 4-5. In any event, *Bain* is no longer good law; the amendment in question merely struck allegations from the indictment, *id.* at 5, and this Court has since made clear that the grand-jury right—to be tried based only on allegations made by the grand jury—is not violated when some of the grand jury's allegations are stricken. *United States* v. *Miller*, 471 U.S. 130, 144-145 (1985). And in *Russell* v. *United States*, 369 U.S. 749 (1962), the indictment failed altogether to specify a factual matter that this Court deemed essential to any allegation of the offense of contempt of Congress. See *id.* at 752-755; *United States* v. *Resendiz-Ponce*, 549 U.S. 102, 109-110 (2007).

under 18 U.S.C. 242 where, as here, the indictment alleges a "due process" violation, but the jury instructions invoke a different provision of the Bill of Rights applicable to state actors through the Due Process Clause. See *United States* v. *Johnstone*, 107 F.3d 200, 207 n.6 (3d Cir. 1997); *United States* v. *Reese*, 2 F.3d 870, 890-891 (9th Cir. 1993), cert. denied, 510 U.S. 1094 (1994).

Second, even if the Eighth Amendment applied to state actors like petitioner of its own force rather than through the Fourteenth Amendment, the factual allegations of the indictment were adequate to charge an Eighth Amendment violation. In particular, Count 3's allegation of "excessive force amounting to punishment" (Pet. App. 58a) is factually consistent with the jury's finding of an Eighth Amendment violation. It is well settled that excessive force against an inmate can constitute cruel and unusual punishment violating the Eighth Amendment. See *Hudson* v. *McMillian*, 503 U.S. 1, 7 (1992) (holding that "excessive physical force" violates the Eighth Amendment when it is applied "maliciously and sadistically to cause harm," rather than "in a good-faith effort to maintain or restore discipline"). Petitioner, echoing the dissenting judge in the court of appeals, contends (Pet. 9) that the element of "mental state" was missing from the indictment. Count 3, however, charged petitioner with "*willfully* depriving [Moore] of rights and privileges secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States." Pet. App. 58a (emphasis added). Whether described as a Due Process Clause or Eighth Amendment violation, the government's essential allegation remained the same—*i.e.*, that petitioner had *deliberately* used excessive force for the illegitimate purpose of inflicting pain, rather than using force (whether actually excessive or not) for the

legitimate purpose of maintaining or restoring order in the conference room. Cf. *Hope* v. *Pelzer*, 536 U.S. 730, 736 (2002) (use of hitching post violated Eighth Amendment in part because its "purpose * * * was punitive" rather than legitimately disciplinary). The indictment therefore was factually adequate to support the Eighth Amendment charge that went to the jury, and that fact-bound issue does not warrant further review.

Third, nothing in this Court's cases suggests that a change in the *legal theory* on which an indictment rests can be a constructive amendment justifying reversal. Where both the indictment and the jury instructions correctly charge the elements necessary to prove that the defendant willfully deprived the victim of a particular constitutional right under color of law, the indictment need not specify the clause of the Constitution that confers the right. Cf. *Screws* v. *United States*, 325 U.S. 91, 106 (1945) (plurality opinion) ("The fact that the defendants may not have been thinking in constitutional terms is not material * * * [in such a prosecution]."); *United States* v. *Miller*, 471 U.S. 130, 136-137 (1985) (explaining that "[a] part of the indictment unnecessary to and independent of the allegations of the offense," such as "allegations that * * * would have had no legal relevance if proved," is properly "treated as 'a useless averment' that 'may be ignored'") (quoting *Ford* v. *United States*, 273 U.S. 593, 602 (1927)). For that reason, if an indictment misidentifies the constitutional provision at issue in a Section 242 prosecution but correctly states the facts and the elements, the district court can submit the case to the jury and disregard the indictment's substantively irrelevant citation error. In those circumstances no constructive amendment occurs. See, *e.g.*, *United States* v. *Daniels*, 281 F.3d 168, 178-180 (5th

Cir.) (concluding that, where the facts showing excessive force remained unchanged between indictment and trial, whether the indictment cited the Eighth or the Fourteenth Amendment was irrelevant), cert. denied, 535 U.S. 1105 (2002).

Fourth, reversal based on a claim of a constructive amendment would be particularly unwarranted in a case like this one, because any change in legal theories made no substantive difference at all. If, as petitioner insisted, Moore was a convicted inmate in state custody, then the Eighth Amendment and the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment provided Moore substantively identical protections against excessive force. As this Court has explained, "[i]t would indeed be surprising if, in the context of forceful prison security measures, conduct that 'shocks the conscience' or 'afford[s] brutality the cloak of law,' and so violates the Fourteenth Amendment, were not also punishment 'inconsistent with contemporary standards of decency' and '"repugnant to the conscience of mankind,"' in violation of the Eighth." *Whitley* v. *Albers*, 475 U.S. 312, 327 (1986) (citations omitted; second brackets in original). Citing *Whitley*, several courts of appeals have recognized that the standards for assessing convicted prisoners' excessive-force claims are identical under the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments. See *Cockrell* v. *Sparks*, 510 F.3d 1307, 1311 (11th Cir. 2007); *Lunsford* v. *Bennett*, 17 F.3d 1574, 1583 (7th Cir. 1994); *Berry* v. *City of Muskogee*, 900 F.2d 1489, 1493-1494 & n.6 (10th Cir. 1990); *Pressly* v. *Hutto*, 816 F.2d 977, 979 (4th Cir. 1987); see also *Doe* v. *Sullivan County*, 956 F.2d 545, 557 (6th Cir.) (noting the "overlap" between "inmate claims arising under both the Eighth Amendment and the substantive branch of the Due Process Clause" and

explaining that "both clauses address the substantive protections enjoyed by incarcerated individuals against the 'wanton infliction of pain in penal institutions'") (citation omitted), cert. denied, 506 U.S. 864 (1992). It is because of that substantive overlap that this Court has held that all claims of excessive force involving convicted inmates should be analyzed under an Eighth Amendment standard. *Whitley*, 475 U.S. at 327; see *Hudson*, 503 U.S. at 5-7; *Graham* v. *Connor*, 490 U.S. 386, 395 n.10 (1989) ("Any protection that 'substantive due process' affords convicted prisoners against excessive force is, we have held, at best redundant of that provided by the Eighth Amendment.").

Petitioner insists that the indictment's reference to the Fourteenth Amendment specifically invokes not the due process standard that protects convicted inmates, but the due process standard that protects *pretrial* detainees. Therefore, he contends, the change to an Eighth Amendment theory *did* have a substantive effect—because, as petitioner has insisted throughout this case, proving a violation of an inmate's Eighth Amendment rights is harder than proving a violation of a pretrial detainee's due process rights. See p. 3, *supra*; see also Pet. App. 39a. But petitioner's characterization of the indictment is factually incorrect: the indictment did not characterize Moore as a "pretrial" detainee, and its allegations of the willful use of excessive force amounting to punishment are sufficient to establish a violation of Moore's rights whether or not he was considered a convicted felon subject to the Eighth Amendment.[2] In

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[2] Although the indictment referred to Moore as a "detainee," Pet. App. 58a, that term can accurately describe Moore's status as a prisoner who had been convicted and sentenced but not yet remanded for incarceration. At the time of the indictment, the government took

any event, as discussed above, there would have been no constructive amendment even if the indictment had been indisputably limited to the due process rights that a pretrial detainee enjoys, because a mere change in legal theories is not a constructive amendment. See pp. 11-12, *supra*.

Under these circumstances, petitioner has not shown that the court of appeals misapplied any precedent of this Court. The substance of the constitutional violations alleged in the indictment and those presented to the jury was equivalent; the factual basis of the charge and the elements of the offense remained constant. There was, at most, an inconsistency in labeling or in the precise legal theory invoked. This Court has never held that this sort of discrepancy could constitute a constructive amendment of an indictment.

3. Petitioner effectively conceded below that he was not prejudiced by any constructive amendment, see Pet. App. 17a, but relied on circuit precedent holding that constructive amendments are prejudicial per se, *id.* at 4a. There is a substantial question whether that proposition remains valid in light of this Court's decisions holding that most constitutional errors are subject to harmless-error review. And in this case the harmlessness of any error is apparent.

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the position that this status made Moore akin to a pretrial detainee whose sole constitutional protection against excessive force was the Due Process Clause; petitioner later adopted the position, and the district court agreed, that Moore was instead akin to a convicted felon and that the applicable constitutional protection came from the Eighth Amendment. See p. 3, *supra*. As the courts below concluded, however, the allegations in the indictment do not depend on Moore's being a pretrial detainee and are sufficient to charge a violation of his rights as a prisoner.

To the extent that the lower courts have held that a "constructive amendment" always constitutes reversible error, they have relied principally on this Court's decision in *Stirone*. But *Stirone* was decided before this Court held in *Chapman* v. *California*, 386 U.S. 18 (1967), that harmless-error analysis generally applies to constitutional errors. *Id.* at 22. And although this Court has identified certain "structural" errors that are exceptions to that principle, it has never listed constructive amendments to an indictment among them. *E.g.*, *United States* v. *Gonzalez-Lopez*, 548 U.S. 140, 148-149 (2006); *Neder* v. *United States*, 527 U.S. 1, 8 (1999); *Johnson* v. *United States*, 520 U.S. 461, 468-469 (1997). To the contrary, this Court has repeatedly held that defects in grand-jury proceedings are susceptible to the usual harmless-error analysis. See *Bank of Nova Scotia* v. *United States*, 487 U.S. 250, 255-256 (1988); *United States* v. *Mechanik*, 475 U.S. 66, 71-72 (1986); see also *United States* v. *Cotton*, 535 U.S. 625, 629-631 (2002) (holding that defects in an indictment are not jurisdictional and may be forfeited if they do not meet the plain-error test). Indeed, this Court recently granted certiorari to decide whether the outright *omission* of an element from an indictment may be harmless error, but did not resolve the question. *United States* v. *Resendiz-Ponce*, 549 U.S. 102, 103-104 (2007). Thus, there is a strong argument that even the error found reversible in *Stirone* would be subject to harmless-error analysis today. Petitioner's claim of error is far afield from Stirone's, as discussed above, and his claim that the error is structural would accordingly be far weaker.

Petitioner could not prevail under any form of harmless-error review. As the court of appeals correctly recognized, the difference between the jury instructions

and the language of Count 3 did not prejudice petitioner's defense. Pet. App. 17a. The government's factual theory remained the same throughout the case, and petitioner had notice in advance of trial (and retrial) that he had to defend himself against an alleged Eighth Amendment violation. And, as petitioner himself emphasized in the district court, any substantive difference between an Eighth Amendment standard and the allegations of Count 3 could work only to petitioner's advantage because the government bore a higher burden at trial.

Moreover, this is not a case in which the prosecution switched legal theories to gain a tactical advantage. To the contrary, it was *petitioner* who initially requested the Eighth Amendment instruction and convinced the district court that the Eighth Amendment standard applied. Judgment had not yet been entered on Moore's conviction, and his status as a convicted felon (protected by the Eighth Amendment) rather than a pretrial detainee (protected by the Fourteenth Amendment) was therefore unclear. The district court resolved that issue—as petitioner requested—by putting the government to the higher burden of proving an Eighth Amendment violation. That ruling by the district court is not free from doubt, but because the government proceeded to meet that higher burden, any error was demonstrably harmless.

CONCLUSION

The petition for a writ of certiorari should be denied.

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QUESTION PRESENTED

Whether the jury instructions at petitioner's trial constructively amended the indictment in violation of the Grand Jury Clause of the Fifth Amendment.

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In the Supreme Court of the United States

No. 07-1354

MICHAEL J. BUDD, PETITIONER

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

BRIEF FOR THE UNITED STATES IN OPPOSITION

OPINION BELOW

The opinion of the court of appeals (Pet. App. 1a-39a) is reported at 496 F.3d 517.

JURISDICTION

The judgment of the court of appeals was entered on August 13, 2007. A petition for rehearing was denied on January 23, 2008 (Pet. App. 49a). The petition for a writ of certiorari was filed on April 22, 2008. The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U.S.C. 1254(1).

STATEMENT

Following jury trials in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, petitioner was convicted on one count of conspiracy, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 371, and three counts of depriving another of constitutional rights under color of law, in violation of

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18 U.S.C. 242. Pet. App. 2a-3a, 40a-41a. The district court sentenced petitioner to 97 months of imprisonment, to be followed by three years of supervised release, and a $12,500 fine. *Id.* at 42a-48a. The court of appeals affirmed. *Id.* at 1a-30a.

1. Petitioner was the second-in-command of the Mahoning County, Ohio, Sheriff's Department, holding the rank of major. In that position, petitioner supervised the County Jail and security at the County Courthouse in Youngstown. Gov't C.A. Br. 5.

The victim of the conduct relevant here, Brandon Moore, was a 16-year-old detainee in the custody of the Sheriff's Department and was at the County Courthouse for his sentencing. Petitioner was in charge of courthouse security that day. After Moore's sentencing (but before he was remanded to custody or a final judgment was entered), he was taken to a conference room in the courthouse by petitioner and several deputies. Moore was restrained with handcuffs, leg shackles, and a belly chain. Gov't C.A. Br. 12-13, 39; C.A. App. 679-680.

Petitioner became upset about comments Moore made about his trial and sentencing. Petitioner slammed Moore's head into a window; pushed Moore against the steel windowframe, leaving an indentation in Moore's forehead; threw Moore to the floor face-first, knocking the breath out of him; stepped on Moore's back with both feet; and kicked Moore in the ribs. During the entire assault, Moore was fully restrained by his handcuffs and chains and offered no resistance or threat. See Gov't C.A. Br. 13-15.

2. A grand jury in the Northern District of Ohio indicted petitioner on several federal charges. Count 3 of the indictment charged petitioner with violating Moore's civil rights under color of law, in violation of

18 U.S.C. 242. Pet. App. 58a. The other counts charged petitioner with violating and conspiring to violate the rights of two pretrial detainees at the County Jail. *Id.* at 53a-57a, 58a-59a.

Count 3 alleged that petitioner, "while acting under color of [state] law[], * * * did use and cause to be used excessive force on Brandon Moore." Pet. App. 58a. That use of force, the indictment charged, had "willfully depriv[ed] [Moore] of rights and privileges secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, to wit: the right to Due Process of law under the Constitution, which includes the right to be free from excessive force amounting to punishment by one acting under color of law." *Ibid.* Therefore, the indictment alleged, petitioner had violated Section 242 both as a principal and as an aider and abettor. See *ibid.*

At trial, petitioner contended that Moore was no longer a pretrial detainee when he was beaten, and therefore that the charge required proof that petitioner had violated Moore's rights under the Eighth Amendment, not the Due Process Clause. C.A. App. 196-197. Petitioner requested that the jury be instructed accordingly. *Id.* at 206-211. He contended that proving an Eighth Amendment violation required the government to surmount a "substantially higher hurdle" than proving a due process violation. *Id.* at 197. The government contended that because Moore's conviction was not yet final when he was beaten, the due process standard should apply. *Id.* at 686-687. The district court agreed with petitioner that the Eighth Amendment governed the charge of violating Moore's civil rights, and the court submitted Count 3 to the jury on that basis. See *id.* at 683-684, 779.

The jury found petitioner guilty of the conspiracy count, but was unable to reach a verdict on the other charges, including Count 3. The district court declared a mistrial, and petitioner was re-tried on Counts 2, 3, and 4. Pet. App. 3a.

Shortly before the retrial, petitioner moved to dismiss Count 3. He contended that the indictment failed to charge an Eighth Amendment violation and that retrying him on Count 3 under an Eighth Amendment theory would constructively amend the indictment. Gov't C.A. Br. 39. The district court denied the motion. C.A. App. 361-364.

At the retrial, the district court again instructed the jury that Count 3 required the government to prove that petitioner had violated Moore's Eighth Amendment rights, *i.e.*, that he had "unnecessarily and wantonly inflicted pain on Brandon Moore" that was not "applied in a good faith effort to maintain or restore discipline." C.A. App. 1863. The jury found petitioner guilty on all remaining charges, including Count 3. Pet. App. 3a.

3. The court of appeals affirmed. Pet. App. 1a-39a. As relevant here, the court held that the jury instructions on Count 3 did not constructively amend the indictment but resulted at most in a harmless variance. *Id.* at 3a-17a.

a. At the outset, the court explained that a "constructive amendment results when the terms of an indictment are in effect altered by the presentation of evidence and jury instructions which so modify essential elements of the offense charged that there is a substantial likelihood that the defendant may have been convicted of an offense other than the one charged in the indictment." Pet. App. 4a (citation omitted). The court identified two situations in which a constructive amend-

ment can occur: (1) where the jury instructions and evidence present a factual theory of the case that differs from the one alleged in the indictment, and (2) where the jury instructions change the legal theory of the case in such a way that the defendant is convicted of a crime distinct from the one alleged in the indictment. *Id.* at 6a-7a, 9a-10a.

The court further explained that some discrepancies between indictment and proof do not rise to the level of constructive amendments, but are instead mere variances and may be harmless. Pet. App. 4a-5a. "Generally speaking," the court explained, "a variance 'occurs when the charging terms [of the indictment] are unchanged, but the evidence at trial proves facts materially different from those alleged in the indictment.'" *Id.* at 4a (citations omitted). A variance is not reversible error unless it "affect[s] some substantial right of the defendant." *Id.* at 6a (citation omitted; brackets in original). Petitioner did not attempt to identify any effect on his substantial rights. See *id.* at 17a. Thus, the court of appeals considered only whether petitioner had identified a change significant enough to constitute a constructive amendment.

An alleged change in the government's legal theory (rather than its factual basis), the court of appeals elaborated, is a constructive amendment only if it asks the jury to convict the defendant of an *offense* different from the one charged. The court explained that the defendant must show that "the offense described in the indictment and that described in the jury instructions are two different offenses," and not just "two methods of committing one offense." Pet. App. 9a-10a. Proving the same offense by a different method, by contrast, creates only a variance. See *id.* at 6a-11a. This distinction, in the

court's view, harmonized two lines of circuit precedent extending back to 1981 (although the court acknowledged that some "tension" remained, *id.* at 11a n.4).

Applying these standards, the court of appeals held that the district court did not constructively amend the indictment by instructing the jury that an element of Count 3 was petitioner's violation of the Eighth Amendment. Pet. App. 13a-17a. The court explained that the factual theory of the indictment and the facts proved to the jury were identical. *Id.* at 13a, 16a, 17a. The court further observed that "[t]he indictment and the jury instructions * * * specify an offense against the same statute, 18 U.S.C. § 242." *Id.* at 13a. The court concluded that "the Fourteenth Amendment language in the indictment and the Eighth Amendment language in the jury instructions describe two different methods of committing the same crime, and the difference [was] merely a variance." *Id.* at 16a-17a; see *id.* at 13a-14a.

Petitioner made no effort to show prejudice from the variance, and the court discerned none, because "[petitioner]'s ability to present a defense * * * could not reasonably have been undermined by the change" in theories. Pet. App. 17a. The court also noted that "there is no suggestion that [petitioner] could be subjected to double jeopardy" as a result of the variance. *Ibid.* The court therefore affirmed the conviction. *Id.* at 30a.

b. Judge Cook dissented in relevant part, concluding that the jury instructions resulted in a constructive amendment requiring reversal of petitioner's conviction on Count 3. Pet. App. 30a-39a. In her view, whenever "the jury instructions do not mirror the indictment," there has been a constructive amendment that is "per se prejudicial." *Id.* at 34a-35a. Judge Cook also disagreed

with the majority's conclusion that the due process violation alleged in the indictment and the Eighth Amendment standard contained in the jury instructions were merely "alternative method[s]" by which petitioner could violate 18 U.S.C. 242. Pet. App. 36a. She argued that if Moore was a convicted inmate, rather than a pretrial detainee, he did not have the Fourteenth Amendment right identified in Count 3 of the indictment, and that the indictment therefore did not allege an alternative "method" of violating Section 242. *Id.* at 36a-37a.

ARGUMENT

Petitioner alleges no conflict among the courts of appeals, but contends that the decision below is contrary to this Court's precedents. That contention is incorrect. The court of appeals correctly applied this Court's cases in concluding that no constructive amendment occurred in this case. Indeed, the purported discrepancy between the indictment and the jury instructions in this case is so minimal that it does not qualify as a variance, and it clearly caused no prejudice to petitioner. Further review therefore is not warranted.

1. The Grand Jury Clause of the Fifth Amendment states that "[n]o person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury." U.S. Const. Amend. V. This right protects a defendant from being "tried on charges that are not made in the indictment against him." *Stirone* v. *United States*, 361 U.S. 212, 217 (1960). Consequently, "after an indictment has been returned its charges may not be broadened through amendment except by the grand jury itself." *Id.* at 215-216. As the court of appeals recognized (Pet. App. 4a), such an impermissible amendment may occur where

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the jury instructions and evidence at trial broaden the core factual theory alleged in the indictment. See *Stirone*, 361 U.S. at 217-219.

2. No constructive amendment occurred in this case. The jury instructions did not broaden either the factual or legal theory of guilt charged in Count 3; indeed, because the facts and identity of petitioner's crime were proved just as they were alleged in the indictment, any discrepancy in identifying precisely which constitutional right petitioner violated was altogether irrelevant. The jury instructions therefore did not violate petitioner's rights under the Grand Jury Clause.

a. The court of appeals correctly concluded that the jury instructions did not alter the factual theory alleged in Count 3. Pet. App. 16a-17a. The factual predicate charged in the indictment was that petitioner "did use and cause to be used excessive force on Brandon Moore, * * * resulting in bodily injury," and that he did so willfully and with an intent to deprive Moore of his constitutional rights. *Id.* at 58a. The same facts were presented at trial and served as the basis of the jury's finding petitioner guilty on Count 3. *Id.* at 16a.

That identity of proof is alone sufficient to distinguish this case from the decisions on which petitioner relies. In *Stirone*, petitioner's principal case, the indictment charged the defendant with using extortion to obstruct the importation of sand, but the proof at trial and the jury instructions permitted a conviction if the defendant had interfered with *either* the importation of sand *or* the exportation of steel (which the indictment had not mentioned). 361 U.S. at 213-214. This Court reversed the conviction, concluding that the "variation between pleading and proof" so broadened the factual allegations that it allowed the defendant to be convicted of an of-

fense that the grand jury had never charged. *Id.* at 217-219. *Stirone* has no application to a case like petitioner's, in which the jury instructions and evidence at trial left the factual allegations of his indictment entirely unchanged.[1]

b. Petitioner nonetheless contends that the jury instructions and proof at trial varied from the indictment's legal theory for alleging (Pet. App. 58a) that his "us[ing] * * * excessive force on Brandon Moore" violated Moore's constitutional rights. That contention lacks merit, for several reasons.

First, and most simply, there was no variance at all, because a state actor's infringement of Eighth Amendment rights is necessarily a deprivation of due process as well. "[T]he Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment incorporates the Eighth Amendment's guarantee against cruel and unusual punishment." *United States* v. *Georgia*, 546 U.S. 151, 157 (2006). Thus, as two other circuits have correctly held, no constructive amendment occurs in an excessive-force case

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[1] Petitioner cites a handful of cases in addition to *Stirone*, but none of them is contrary to the decision below. In *Ex parte Bain*, 121 U.S. 1 (1887), not only was the amendment a factual one (concerning the identity of the government official whom Bain had intended to deceive), it was also an express one: the trial court actually amended the indictment. *Id.* at 4-5. In any event, *Bain* is no longer good law; the amendment in question merely struck allegations from the indictment, *id.* at 5, and this Court has since made clear that the grand-jury right—to be tried based only on allegations made by the grand jury—is not violated when some of the grand jury's allegations are stricken. *United States* v. *Miller*, 471 U.S. 130, 144-145 (1985). And in *Russell* v. *United States*, 369 U.S. 749 (1962), the indictment failed altogether to specify a factual matter that this Court deemed essential to any allegation of the offense of contempt of Congress. See *id.* at 752-755; *United States* v. *Resendiz-Ponce*, 549 U.S. 102, 109-110 (2007).

under 18 U.S.C. 242 where, as here, the indictment alleges a "due process" violation, but the jury instructions invoke a different provision of the Bill of Rights applicable to state actors through the Due Process Clause. See *United States* v. *Johnstone*, 107 F.3d 200, 207 n.6 (3d Cir. 1997); *United States* v. *Reese*, 2 F.3d 870, 890-891 (9th Cir. 1993), cert. denied, 510 U.S. 1094 (1994).

Second, even if the Eighth Amendment applied to state actors like petitioner of its own force rather than through the Fourteenth Amendment, the factual allegations of the indictment were adequate to charge an Eighth Amendment violation. In particular, Count 3's allegation of "excessive force amounting to punishment" (Pet. App. 58a) is factually consistent with the jury's finding of an Eighth Amendment violation. It is well settled that excessive force against an inmate can constitute cruel and unusual punishment violating the Eighth Amendment. See *Hudson* v. *McMillian*, 503 U.S. 1, 7 (1992) (holding that "excessive physical force" violates the Eighth Amendment when it is applied "maliciously and sadistically to cause harm," rather than "in a good-faith effort to maintain or restore discipline"). Petitioner, echoing the dissenting judge in the court of appeals, contends (Pet. 9) that the element of "mental state" was missing from the indictment. Count 3, however, charged petitioner with "*willfully* depriving [Moore] of rights and privileges secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States." Pet. App. 58a (emphasis added). Whether described as a Due Process Clause or Eighth Amendment violation, the government's essential allegation remained the same—*i.e.*, that petitioner had *deliberately* used excessive force for the illegitimate purpose of inflicting pain, rather than using force (whether actually excessive or not) for the

legitimate purpose of maintaining or restoring order in the conference room. Cf. *Hope* v. *Pelzer*, 536 U.S. 730, 736 (2002) (use of hitching post violated Eighth Amendment in part because its "purpose * * * was punitive" rather than legitimately disciplinary). The indictment therefore was factually adequate to support the Eighth Amendment charge that went to the jury, and that fact-bound issue does not warrant further review.

Third, nothing in this Court's cases suggests that a change in the *legal theory* on which an indictment rests can be a constructive amendment justifying reversal. Where both the indictment and the jury instructions correctly charge the elements necessary to prove that the defendant willfully deprived the victim of a particular constitutional right under color of law, the indictment need not specify the clause of the Constitution that confers the right. Cf. *Screws* v. *United States*, 325 U.S. 91, 106 (1945) (plurality opinion) ("The fact that the defendants may not have been thinking in constitutional terms is not material * * * [in such a prosecution]."); *United States* v. *Miller*, 471 U.S. 130, 136-137 (1985) (explaining that "[a] part of the indictment unnecessary to and independent of the allegations of the offense," such as "allegations that * * * would have had no legal relevance if proved," is properly "treated as 'a useless averment' that 'may be ignored'") (quoting *Ford* v. *United States*, 273 U.S. 593, 602 (1927)). For that reason, if an indictment misidentifies the constitutional provision at issue in a Section 242 prosecution but correctly states the facts and the elements, the district court can submit the case to the jury and disregard the indictment's substantively irrelevant citation error. In those circumstances no constructive amendment occurs. See, *e.g.*, *United States* v. *Daniels*, 281 F.3d 168, 178-180 (5th

Cir.) (concluding that, where the facts showing excessive force remained unchanged between indictment and trial, whether the indictment cited the Eighth or the Fourteenth Amendment was irrelevant), cert. denied, 535 U.S. 1105 (2002).

Fourth, reversal based on a claim of a constructive amendment would be particularly unwarranted in a case like this one, because any change in legal theories made no substantive difference at all. If, as petitioner insisted, Moore was a convicted inmate in state custody, then the Eighth Amendment and the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment provided Moore substantively identical protections against excessive force. As this Court has explained, "[i]t would indeed be surprising if, in the context of forceful prison security measures, conduct that 'shocks the conscience' or 'afford[s] brutality the cloak of law,' and so violates the Fourteenth Amendment, were not also punishment 'inconsistent with contemporary standards of decency' and '"repugnant to the conscience of mankind,"' in violation of the Eighth." *Whitley* v. *Albers*, 475 U.S. 312, 327 (1986) (citations omitted; second brackets in original). Citing *Whitley*, several courts of appeals have recognized that the standards for assessing convicted prisoners' excessive-force claims are identical under the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments. See *Cockrell* v. *Sparks*, 510 F.3d 1307, 1311 (11th Cir. 2007); *Lunsford* v. *Bennett*, 17 F.3d 1574, 1583 (7th Cir. 1994); *Berry* v. *City of Muskogee*, 900 F.2d 1489, 1493-1494 & n.6 (10th Cir. 1990); *Pressly* v. *Hutto*, 816 F.2d 977, 979 (4th Cir. 1987); see also *Doe* v. *Sullivan County*, 956 F.2d 545, 557 (6th Cir.) (noting the "overlap" between "inmate claims arising under both the Eighth Amendment and the substantive branch of the Due Process Clause" and

explaining that "both clauses address the substantive protections enjoyed by incarcerated individuals against the 'wanton infliction of pain in penal institutions'") (citation omitted), cert. denied, 506 U.S. 864 (1992). It is because of that substantive overlap that this Court has held that all claims of excessive force involving convicted inmates should be analyzed under an Eighth Amendment standard. *Whitley*, 475 U.S. at 327; see *Hudson*, 503 U.S. at 5-7; *Graham* v. *Connor*, 490 U.S. 386, 395 n.10 (1989) ("Any protection that 'substantive due process' affords convicted prisoners against excessive force is, we have held, at best redundant of that provided by the Eighth Amendment.").

Petitioner insists that the indictment's reference to the Fourteenth Amendment specifically invokes not the due process standard that protects convicted inmates, but the due process standard that protects *pretrial* detainees. Therefore, he contends, the change to an Eighth Amendment theory *did* have a substantive effect—because, as petitioner has insisted throughout this case, proving a violation of an inmate's Eighth Amendment rights is harder than proving a violation of a pretrial detainee's due process rights. See p. 3, *supra*; see also Pet. App. 39a. But petitioner's characterization of the indictment is factually incorrect: the indictment did not characterize Moore as a "pretrial" detainee, and its allegations of the willful use of excessive force amounting to punishment are sufficient to establish a violation of Moore's rights whether or not he was considered a convicted felon subject to the Eighth Amendment.[2] In

[2] Although the indictment referred to Moore as a "detainee," Pet. App. 58a, that term can accurately describe Moore's status as a prisoner who had been convicted and sentenced but not yet remanded for incarceration. At the time of the indictment, the government took

any event, as discussed above, there would have been no constructive amendment even if the indictment had been indisputably limited to the due process rights that a pretrial detainee enjoys, because a mere change in legal theories is not a constructive amendment. See pp. 11-12, *supra*.

Under these circumstances, petitioner has not shown that the court of appeals misapplied any precedent of this Court. The substance of the constitutional violations alleged in the indictment and those presented to the jury was equivalent; the factual basis of the charge and the elements of the offense remained constant. There was, at most, an inconsistency in labeling or in the precise legal theory invoked. This Court has never held that this sort of discrepancy could constitute a constructive amendment of an indictment.

3. Petitioner effectively conceded below that he was not prejudiced by any constructive amendment, see Pet. App. 17a, but relied on circuit precedent holding that constructive amendments are prejudicial per se, *id.* at 4a. There is a substantial question whether that proposition remains valid in light of this Court's decisions holding that most constitutional errors are subject to harmless-error review. And in this case the harmlessness of any error is apparent.

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the position that this status made Moore akin to a pretrial detainee whose sole constitutional protection against excessive force was the Due Process Clause; petitioner later adopted the position, and the district court agreed, that Moore was instead akin to a convicted felon and that the applicable constitutional protection came from the Eighth Amendment. See p. 3, *supra*. As the courts below concluded, however, the allegations in the indictment do not depend on Moore's being a pretrial detainee and are sufficient to charge a violation of his rights as a prisoner.

To the extent that the lower courts have held that a "constructive amendment" always constitutes reversible error, they have relied principally on this Court's decision in *Stirone*. But *Stirone* was decided before this Court held in *Chapman* v. *California*, 386 U.S. 18 (1967), that harmless-error analysis generally applies to constitutional errors. *Id.* at 22. And although this Court has identified certain "structural" errors that are exceptions to that principle, it has never listed constructive amendments to an indictment among them. *E.g.*, *United States* v. *Gonzalez-Lopez*, 548 U.S. 140, 148-149 (2006); *Neder* v. *United States*, 527 U.S. 1, 8 (1999); *Johnson* v. *United States*, 520 U.S. 461, 468-469 (1997). To the contrary, this Court has repeatedly held that defects in grand-jury proceedings are susceptible to the usual harmless-error analysis. See *Bank of Nova Scotia* v. *United States*, 487 U.S. 250, 255-256 (1988); *United States* v. *Mechanik*, 475 U.S. 66, 71-72 (1986); see also *United States* v. *Cotton*, 535 U.S. 625, 629-631 (2002) (holding that defects in an indictment are not jurisdictional and may be forfeited if they do not meet the plain-error test). Indeed, this Court recently granted certiorari to decide whether the outright *omission* of an element from an indictment may be harmless error, but did not resolve the question. *United States* v. *Resendiz-Ponce*, 549 U.S. 102, 103-104 (2007). Thus, there is a strong argument that even the error found reversible in *Stirone* would be subject to harmless-error analysis today. Petitioner's claim of error is far afield from Stirone's, as discussed above, and his claim that the error is structural would accordingly be far weaker.

Petitioner could not prevail under any form of harmless-error review. As the court of appeals correctly recognized, the difference between the jury instructions

and the language of Count 3 did not prejudice petitioner's defense. Pet. App. 17a. The government's factual theory remained the same throughout the case, and petitioner had notice in advance of trial (and retrial) that he had to defend himself against an alleged Eighth Amendment violation. And, as petitioner himself emphasized in the district court, any substantive difference between an Eighth Amendment standard and the allegations of Count 3 could work only to petitioner's advantage because the government bore a higher burden at trial.

Moreover, this is not a case in which the prosecution switched legal theories to gain a tactical advantage. To the contrary, it was *petitioner* who initially requested the Eighth Amendment instruction and convinced the district court that the Eighth Amendment standard applied. Judgment had not yet been entered on Moore's conviction, and his status as a convicted felon (protected by the Eighth Amendment) rather than a pretrial detainee (protected by the Fourteenth Amendment) was therefore unclear. The district court resolved that issue—as petitioner requested—by putting the government to the higher burden of proving an Eighth Amendment violation. That ruling by the district court is not free from doubt, but because the government proceeded to meet that higher burden, any error was demonstrably harmless.

CONCLUSION

The petition for a writ of certiorari should be denied.

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The Respondents principal argument is that the jury instructions and evidence at trial left the factual allegations of the indictment unchanged. Opp. at 8-9. However, an indictment for violating 18 U.S.C. § 242 requires an allegation that the Petitioner deprived the victim a right secured by the Constitution. *U.S. v. Lanier*, 520 U.S. 259, 264 (1997). The Indictment states that the constitutional right violated in Counts 2, 3 and 4 is "the right to Due Process of law under the Constitution, which includes the right to be free from excessive force amounting to punishment." Pet. App. 57a-59a.

However, the district court instructed the jury that "[b]ecause of the inmates' different status at the time of the alleged incidents you must consider the Fourteenth Amendment" in connection with counts 2 and 4, and the "Eighth Amendment" for count 3. C.A App. 779. The jury was instructed in counts 2 and 4 that the due process clause "protects a pretrial detainee from the use of excessive force that amounts to punishment." C.A. App. 780. The jury had to determine if the Petitioner "used excessive force which amounted to punishment." *Id.* The jury was instructed in count 3 that the "Eighth Amendment" protects inmate Brandon Moore from being "subjected to unnecessary and wanton infliction of pain." C.A. App. 781. The jury was instructed to determine if the Petitioner "unnecessarily and wantonly inflicted pain on Brandon Moore." *Id.*

The jury instructions changed the constitutional element violated in count 3 from that presented to the

Grand Jury. The jury instructions changed the text of the Indictment. This forced the "defendant to be tried on charges that are not made in the indictment against him." *Stirone v. United States*, 361 U.S. 212, 217 (1960). The amendment is apparent by comparing the indictment with the jury instructions.

The Respondent wrongly argues that the Petitioner is not prejudiced. Opp. at 14. The Respondent speculates as to whether the Grand Jury would have returned the Indictment on Count 3 if it had been made aware that the violation was "unnecessary and wanton infliction of pain" instead of "excessive force that amounts to punishment." However, the Respondents "subsequent guess as to what was in the minds of the grand jury at the time they returned the indictment would deprive the [Petitioner] of a basic protection which the guaranty of the intervention of a grand jury was designed to secure." *United States v. Russell* 369 U.S. 749, 770 (1962) (citations omitted).

The Respondent wrongly claims that there was no constructive amendment because the due process language is broad enough to encompass the Eighth Amendment standard. Opp. at 9. The jury instructions are different for the Fourteenth Amendment violation (counts 2, 4) then the Eight Amendment violation (count 3). If a Fourteenth Amendment violation includes an Eighth Amendment violation, as the Respondent argues, then the jury instructions should not have changed. Judge Cook correctly explained in her dissent that "no grand jury passed on the essential description of the crime that ultimately formed the basis for conviction, a circumstance that contravenes the Fifth Amendment." Pet. App. 32a.

The Respondent also wrongly argues that "this is not a case in which the prosecution switched legal theories to gain a tactical advantage." Opp. at 16. Judge Cook correctly explained in dissent that "after the government secured an indictment premised on a Fourteenth Amendment deprivation, it switched theories and tried the case--jury instructions and all--based on an Eighth Amendment deprivation." Pet. App. 35a. The factual predicate presented to the Grand Jury that Petitioner violated "the right to be free from excessive force amounting to punishment" is clearly not the same as the Eighth Amendment violation to be free from "unnecessary and wanton infliction of pain."

The Grand Jury charged a Fourteenth Amendment violation, and the jury instructions charged an Eighth Amendment violation. It is quite possible that the Eighth Amendment violation was not intended by the Grand Jury, after all, a violation of the Eighth Amendment requires a more difficult burden for Respondents.

Even the Respondent conceded in their sentencing memorandum that "the actual injury to Easterly was not serious." C.A. App. 587. Since the conduct towards inmate Brandon Moore (count 2) was substantially greater than that injuries to inmate Easterly (count 3) it is more than hypothetical that the Grand Jury may not have returned the Indictment as to Count 3 if informed that the conduct included the Eighth Amendment violation which is more differential to the Petitioner. This is extremely relevant because Inmate Moore did not testify before the Grand Jury, he was not even interviewed by the FBI until six weeks after the Grand Jury returned the indictment and after the

Petitioners arrest.[1] It is more than theoretical that the Grand Jury could have concluded that the injuries towards Inmate Moore did not amount to "unnecessary and wanton infliction of pain."

The Respondent echoes the majority decision which basically makes the Fifth Amendment Grand Jury guarantee a dead letter. Opp. at 8. However, even the majority opinion candidly recognizes that distinguishing between a constructive amendment from a mere variance is difficult, and that "our precedent in this area may not be easy to follow." Pet. App. 5a fn 2. Judge Cook similarly confirmed in her dissent that "this topic has troubled this court for years." Pet. App. 31a. Other Sixth Circuit decisions confirm the confusion. "[T]he distinction between a variance and a constructive amendment is sketchy." *United States v. Chilingirian*, 280 F.3d 704, 712 (6th Cir. 2002). "[T]he distinction between a variance and a constructive amendment is at best 'shadowy. . . .'" *United States v. Hathaway*, 798 F.2d 902, 910 (6th Cir. 1986).

The Respondent misstates the record with the argument that it "was *petitioner* who initially requested the Eighth Amendment instruction." Opp. at

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[1] The FBI Agent in charge, confirmed that the victim, Brandon Moore did not testify before the Grand Jury, and that the Petitioner "was indicted [six weeks] prior to" the FBI "interviewing inmate Moore." C.A. App. 727. The Petitioner was indicted and arrested six weeks before the victim in Count 3 was interviewed. The Indictment was filed on October 8, 2004. C.A. App. 21. Brandon Moore was interviewed on November 22, 2004. C.A. App. 725-27.

16. During the first trial, the Petitioner filed a motion for judgment of acquittal arguing that Count 3 amended the indictment. C.A. App. 196-197. The Court denied the motion and instead allowed Count 3 to proceed "as an Eighth Amendment violation." C.A. App. 684. The Petitioner argued that he was indicted "under the Fourteenth, but the actual provision is the Eighth" therefore "that count should fail." C.A. App. 711. The Court held: "we need to instruct the jury on the Eighth Amendment." C.A. App. 713. The Petitioner repeated that he was "asking for Count 3 to fall." C.A. App. 714.

Before the retrial, the Petitioner made a motion "to dismiss the charges in Count 3 of the Indictment." C.A. App. 312-322. The Court denied the motion, C.A. App. 361-64. The Petitioner made an oral motion for judgment of acquittal which was denied. C.A. App. 1821. After conviction, the Petitioner filed a motion for judgment of acquittal again arguing the same issue. C.A. App. 442-49. The Petitioner repeatedly sought to have Count 3 dismissed. The Petitioner did not acquiesce to the trial courts ruling that the text of Indictment for Count 3 allowed the jury to be instructed to an Eighth Amendment violation where a Fourteenth Amendment violation was charged.

Lastly, the Respondent's argues that Petitioner did not use force "for the legitimate purpose of maintaining or restoring order." Opp. at 10. However, the "subjective motivations of the individual officers are of central importance in deciding whether force used against a convicted prisoner violates the Eighth Amendment." *Graham v. Connor*, 490 U.S. 386, 398 (1989). The Respondent successfully prevented the

admission of testimony at trial including testimony that the trial judge ordered Petitioner to keep control during the sentencing of Brandon Moore for a brutal gang rape. C.A. App. 379-82, 1066-78. Testimony that Brandon Moore tried to escape during the trial. *Id.* Testimony of "Mr. Moore's demeanor during his sentencing, his comments to the victim's family." C.A. App. 1070. Testimony that the victim spoke at the sentencing and that someone from the victims family said he was going to kill Mr. Moore, and someone from the Mr. Moore's family responded with over my dead body. *Id.* The combined events, the prior attempted escape, the call that morning of an attempted escape, the order by the trial judge to keep order, the statements of killing in the courtroom, and the heinous nature of the crime all lead to a very tense and explosive security situation. These circumstances and the perceived security concerns by the Petitioner on the date in question were kept from the jury.

CONCLUSION

The petition for a writ of certiorari should be granted to secure and maintain uniformity of this Court's decisions.

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